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Prison for man who 'wasted police time'

A MAN from Porthcawl has been sent to prison for eight months at Cardiff Crown Court for perverting the course of justice.

Gavin Kelly was jailed last week, banned from driving for 16 months and ordered to pay a £140 victim surcharge.

Police started investigating Kelly after he falsely claimed to be the victim of a robbery to evade accepting

consequences of making off from the scene of a collision.

He drove his Audi A3 along the Eastern Promenade on March this year when he collided with a parked vehicle before making off.

Later the same day, Kelly falsely reported to police that he was the victim of a robbery which took place near the Kabin Bar.

He claimed that he'd been assaulted, had his car key and vehicle stolen.

After an extensive investigation into the robbery, Kelly was identified as the driver of the vehicle at the time of the collision and his allegation of robbery was proved to be false.

He was arrested and charged with perverting the course of justice.

DC Evans of Bridgend CID said: "This case shows how we will always investigate every crime thoroughly.

"Kelly chose to waste police time and resources rather than take responsibility for colliding into a parked vehicle and he is now paying the price for his actions."

Crowds turn out to pay respect to the fallen



This was the scene in Bridgend on Sunday morning.
See pages six and seven for more photographs from Remembrance Day services in Porthcawl and Bridgend.

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Mean not to support fireworks

I WENT to Barry to see the excellent Rotary fireworks display.

When the bucket came round, I was very pleased to make a contribution but saw no-one around me put in anything at all.

I thought that was really mean for such a good, and no doubt expensive show, and hope that other collectors were supported better.

Name and address supplied.

'No conscience in protecting environment'

I FULLY support all of the points made in the letter from John Bailey (GEM Letters, November 7) regarding the Vale recycling, which I am sure will be endorsed by many Council Tax paying Vale residents.

While in Ogmore by Sea we have only had one week when the collection was a day late, we have suffered from all of the other problems, such as plastic recycling being rejected, despite the rejected items being labelled as recyclable. We have also had rejected items blowing about the street.

Mr Bailey may not have seen directly the operation of the recycling vehicles.

The Vale have employed, clearly being paid by Vale Council taxpayers, so-called 'enforcement wardens' who travel around in cars alongside the refuse vehicles with very large rolls of 'Oops' stickers which they decide to stick, often erroneously, on bags that they decide should be rejected.

Ironically these labels, after having been peeled off, are not recyclable and have to be placed in a black bag.

Also, all glass bottles and jars in the grey boxes are removed individually, and passed through holes high up in the side of the vehicles. Incredibly time consuming, but doubtless the reason why broken glass is not accepted.

Although the Vale claims less contamination, because of the total confusion about recycling, more is being placed in black bags. We used to use half a bag every fortnight; we now use at least one full bag.

Mr Bailey will no doubt be pleased to know that in my email exchange with senior Vale management, those who now are having to use more black bags for items marked as recyclable, to avoid their other bags being rejected, are regarded – and I quote – as "not having sufficient conscience in protecting and preserving the environment."

As Mr Bailey rightly comments, in its current form, it is an appalling system.

Dr David Hawkrige, Ogmore by Sea.

Support council staff undertaking 'Herculean task'

A NUMBER of your correspondents have commented on the new recycling arrangements being implemented by the Vale Council, mostly in negative terms.

I ask them to put themselves in the position of the council's waste managers, and to reflect on the huge challenge of eliminating landfill, through recycling and high temperature incineration, of the thousands

Readers' Letters

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of tonnes of domestic waste that we produce each year in the Vale.

This is a Herculean task and is bound to cause some minor inconvenience while the new arrangements shake down. Having previously received a label on my wrongly sorted (blue) plastics bag, I had the opportunity yesterday to seek guidance on waste separation from Vale Council staff accompanying the recycling truck.

They were enthusiastic about the progress that they were making and keen to help residents such as me.

If we want to pass on a better planet to future generations, we could start by spending a little more time separating our waste and a little less time writing grumpy letters to The GEM about council employees who are doing their best.

They need our support, particularly as their job is not one that the majority of your readers would wish to undertake.

Steven A Thomas, Llanblethian.

Are residents aware of recycling guide?

HAVING just read John Bailey's letter relating to his experience of waste collection with the new six bag system, I would like to draw his attention to what I have just discovered following research on the Vale of Glamorgan website, leaving me rather puzzled.

I had to question the collection crew this week as they slapped a sticker on my blue bag, rejecting it for having two pieces of 'contaminating' plastic, each bearing recycling symbols.

I went indoors and scrutinised the booklet supplied by the Vale of Glamorgan, but was left none the wiser, as booklet rather limited in its definitions.

Today, my husband threw three plastic items straight into black bin as not featuring in booklet, namely yoghurt pots. I went to the Vale council website, where I found an A to Z guide to recycling.

I was careful to choose the appropriate 'segregated' recycling option, as they have two systems in place. It would seem that the Council has had a re-think and moved the goal posts.

Brown paper can now be placed in the orange bag with cardboard; shredded paper can be placed in the white bag with other paper. It does not mention the colour of shredded paper, so I'm not sure whether I will need to separate out strands of brown shredded paper.

As for yoghurt pots, it seems they are accepted after all.

I trust this guide is up to date – who knows? But identifying particular items could be a long process and how many residents are aware of this guide?

What I do know is that I now need to refer to this guide each time I have an item to add to my waste. Do I think every resident in the rural Vale is going to have the time and ability to do this, or do I, like John Bailey believe they will put more items in their black bag, just to make sure all their weekly refuse is collected and to minimise the time spent on this onerous task?

Like Mr Bailey, I too have had to pick up rejected items blowing along the pavement, not to mention broken food bags spilling rotten food everywhere. This happens because the crews think it's easier to

pick the bags out of the kerbside caddies and throw them across to the open collecting wagon rather than tip the caddy contents directly into the wagon. This practice is most worrying as on more than one occasion our dog has ingested both rotting food and bags they have come across on the ground, their ability to notice these things being sharper than mine.

I have sympathy for the collection crews who are now expected to scrutinise every household's recycling bags, not to mention folding empty bags and placing them in the glass collection box; no wonder collections are taking more time.

Bethan Pocock, Llanmaes.

Has the Council abandoned Holton Road?

ADMITTEDLY there were very nice flower displays during the summer, but apart from that it looks a complete disgrace with weeds and mess everywhere, and now we have the added horror of the dossier in the doorway of the empty Windsor Hotel.

The squalor is shocking, spilling out onto the pavement. They even had two blue recycling bags outside their 'residence' a few days ago.

One does wonder about their toilet facilities. Would they bother making the trek to the public toilets near the library? These are not open 24 hours.

Christmas is coming – will they/won't they decorate?

(Name and address supplied)

'Nothing has chanced to make road safer'

NO one would begrudge for a moment the sense of relief that the residents of Llys-worney must feel in response to the weight limit on traffic through their village.

There are, however, consequences which will be felt by the wider community. Unless a speed restriction (not mentioned in the order published in The GEM) is applied, three axle 40 ton lorries could cross on the B4270 Llantwit Major Road each travelling at 60 mph. These vehicles carry shipping containers, the normal width of which is eight feet (2.43m), and in addition there are the outrigger mirrors on the vehicles.

The carriageway is about 18 feet wide in many places with indeterminate and soft verges. The implications for other road users, particularly cyclists and horse riders, are obvious. At least the natural chicanes in Llys-worney limited speeds in the same way as those installed by highway authorities.

The inadequacy of the B4270 for HGVs was an important consideration in refusal of planning permission at the time of Bellway proposals for Darren Farm several years ago. Nothing has changed since then to make the road safer, but it is now intended to greatly increase HGV traffic on it.

The new HGV limitation imposes an extra journey of two kilometres for HGV traffic aiming to travel south at the Pentre Meyrick junction. That roughly equates to the extra distances imposed by

creating a one way system with HGVs travelling south on the B4270, and north via Llys-worney on the B4268. Both roads would be much safer; sustainable transport, including a cycle/horse riding lane on the B4270, would be feasible, and the situation in Llys-worney would be significantly ameliorated.

D Webb, Cowbridge.

Get your free flu jab

DIABETES UK Cymru is urging everyone living with diabetes to take up the offer of a free flu jab through their local pharmacy or GP.

Flu can cause blood sugar levels to rise high, a natural response to fighting infection. A serious infection can cause blood sugar levels to rise so high that they become dangerous for people with diabetes. This can lead to acute complications, which can go unrecognised, and can even be fatal. The vaccine, to which every person with diabetes is entitled free each year, is the most effective protection against flu. Without it, flu can also develop into pneumonia or bronchitis, which might require hospital admission.

It can take up to two weeks for a flu jab to work. That's why it's essential that everyone at high risk of serious illness from flu gets vaccinated as soon as possible.

For more information about diabetes and flu, visit the Diabetes UK website: www.diabetes.org.uk/seasonal-flu.

Dai Williams, Diabetes UK.

Welsh Secretary resignation row

REGARDING 'Ex-MP quits cabinet amid rape trial row' (November 7 edition, about Alun Cairns' resignation as Secretary of State for Wales) I'm disappointed that this article was hidden away on page 10, when it should have been front page news.

I'd expect such behaviour of The Daily Mail or of The Sun or of The Daily Express, but not of The GEM. The article would have been of keen interest in the Vale of Glamorgan, especially as it involves the current MP and the UK is in the midst of an election campaign.

Tim Jefferson, Llantwit Major.

GEM NOTE: The GEM received several communications along these lines, and we agree that an item such as this would normally have run on page 1. However, the story broke on The GEM's press day, close to deadline and at that stage, all three GEM front pages (for Barry and Penarth, Cowbridge and Llantwit, and Bridgend and Porthcawl) had been completed. There simply was not time to remake the pages and so the article was carried as the lead story on the first available 'all edits' page.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

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Date	Time	Height (metres)
14/11/2019	07.13	9.9
14/11/2019	19.35	9.9
15/11/2019	07.49	9.7
15/11/2019	20.08	9.6
16/11/2019	08.24	9.5
16/11/2019	20.49	9.4
17/11/2019	09.07	9.4
17/11/2019	21.32	9.0
18/11/2019	09.53	8.8
18/11/2019	22.24	8.6
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Cannabis factory discovered and five arrested in raids

POLICE arrested five people during raids aimed at clamping down on illegal drugs in Bridgend and Maesteg last week.

Officers from the organised crime unit for central division carried out the busts as part of their ongoing commitment to ensuring Cannabidiol (CBD) products being sold locally are safe for consumption.

Five people were arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class B drugs.

Four of them have been released under investigation, with one being bailed until December 4.

Police also seized several thousand CBD products and uncovered a large-scale cannabis factory.

Individuals involved in selling and importing CBD products are being urged to ensure they are not falling foul of UK legislation.

CBD products are widely advertised and supplied by retailers in various forms, including edibles, oils, vapes and hemp flowering material.

However, misconceptions about the products and

differing world-wide legislation is putting people at risk of breaking the law.

The most common relates to the content of Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) – the illegal active ingredient of cannabis plants.

Some retailers wrongly believe that products are legal provided the THC content is less than 0.2 per cent or less than 1mg.

Detective sergeant Dick Gregory said: "The investigation following this week's warrants is ongoing and I would urge anyone with information, suspicions or concerns about the sale of CBD products in their area to contact police."

"I would also urge local retailers to educate themselves on Home Office guidance relating to CBD products to ensure they are complying with UK legislation."

He added: "Quite simply, any product that contains traces of THC is illegal in the UK and if you are found to be importing or selling it, you will face prosecution."

Rough sleepers to be given 'wet provision' as homelessness levels increase

BRIDGEND County Borough Council is looking at providing a wet provision for homeless people in the county which would enable rough sleepers to have a bed for the night but still be able to drink alcohol on the premises.

At a recent council meeting, Cllr Cheryl Green said people were sleeping rough despite the availability of empty beds in the town because they were not allowed in if they were using alcohol or drugs.

She said: "It's a vicious circle – people take these things very often to get through the night as they're dependent on alcohol and substances but they're not allowed in if they've been drinking or on drugs."

"If they wish to sleep outdoors it's their prerogative, but if they wish to have a bed for the night there should be someone, somewhere to help them."

Cabinet member for wellbeing and future generations Dhanisha Patel said she planned to visit the wet provisions in Cardiff.

She told councillors: "Cardiff has two wet provisions – one is run by the council and one by a third sector provider. I plan to go and have a look at how it works."

During the corporate overview and scrutiny committee on November 7, Cllr Jane Gebbie said she was concerned about the rising population of homeless people, especially in Bridgend town centre.

She said: "Our capacity is very limited and I'm concerned we are not doing what we need to be

doing for our community when we've got so many homeless people out there."

"We've got somebody that quite often leaves all their belongings in the entrance way to the civic centre to keep their stuff safe and dry. While one person that used to do this has been supported by the Wallich, we've got another person who has claimed it as their spot."

Council leader Huw David said a homelessness strategy was due to come before cabinet next month.

He told councillors the local authority had recently extended the number of beds offered to rough sleepers needing intensive support but admitted more funding was needed as the council was having to support more homeless people than ever before.

Cllr Patel said there were signs that funding from Welsh Government, which is used for projects to help prevent homelessness or support people living in their own homes or hostels, was going to be reduced next year.

She said: "We are working on lobbying Welsh Government to make sure that doesn't happen and proving the point Supported People funding is valuable and well-used."

During 2017/18, the number of people who came to the local authority for help either because they were homeless or about to become homeless hit 1,020.

The figure is expected to have increased by a third over the last year.

Littering smokers slapped with £25,000 worth of fines

A PRIVATE company contracted by the local authority in Bridgend to crack down on littering in the county has issued more than £25,000 worth of fines in five months.

Bridgend County Borough Council appointed 3GS in April on an initial one-year contract.

From May to September, 3GS enforcement officers have issued almost 400 fines – the vast majority to people dropping cigarettes.

A report going before a council scrutiny committee on November 14 shows 383 fixed penalty notices were issued for littering cigarettes, eight fines for dropping general litter and two fines for littering food waste.

The numbers could have been higher – 3GS suspended its

operations briefly in September after replacing two of its enforcement officers and retraining new ones for the county area.

Officers said there was a payment rate of around 70%.

Many of the fines were issued in Bridgend town centre, Newbridge Fields and Porthcawl.

People are given 28 days to pay the fine and if no payment is made, they are issued with a reminder letter.

After that period, 3GS prepares a case file which is then submitted to the council's legal department.

The latest figures show four people are currently being prosecuted for not paying their fines, with 70 cases pending prosecution.

In its report for the council, 3GS said 22 fines had been issued in error.

The contract with 3GS is based on a 'cost neutral' format, where the council doesn't pay 3GS but the company recovers its operating costs from the revenue generated through issuing

fines and the payments received.

Council officers said the type of contract placed communication, public relations and reduction of offences above pure income generation, adding any surplus that 3GS accrued over and above its operating costs, overheads and profits was shared with the council.

Since the end of August, 3GS has also been enforcing against dog fouling, fining dog walkers if they fail to pick up their dog's mess, are unable to show that they have dog poo bags with them or fail to put their dog on a lead when requested to do so by an enforcement officer.

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Big crowds as rockets light up the sky

MORE than 1,000 people gathered at Maesteg Rugby Club on November 5 to watch fireworks light up the sky above.

The annual event was put on by the town's Rotary Club.

An event spokesman said: "A crowd of well over a thousand were treated to a fantastic display."

"The Rotary Club would like to thank the people of Maesteg for turning out in great numbers."

"The profits go to local and international charities."



Community sport will die a 'slow death' without urgent change, says councillor

THE cabinet of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) met yesterday (Wednesday) after The GEM went to press to reconsider its decision to hike fees for outdoor sports facilities by up to 500 per cent.

Cabinet members first voted through the new policy on October 22 but it was called in by opposition councillors who then, following a special scrutiny committee, voted to send it back to cabinet.

During the scrutiny committee meeting, a large number of representatives from football, rugby and cricket clubs attended to warn the council the increase in charges would see clubs across the county being forced to close.

Pencoed RFC's chairman Stephen Davies said the new policy would see the club's costs rise by more than £30,000 over the rugby season.

BCBC's chief executive Mark Shephard said the local authority wanted to see the facilities taken on by clubs under the community asset transfer (CAT) process, adding the charges were there as a guideline in the event that some clubs were unable or unwilling to take on greater responsibility for pitches and pavilions.

However, opposition councillors said they wanted further information about a number of areas, saying there was a lack of clarity over the actual maintenance costs for facilities, as well as a proposed new fund being set up to support children.

The cabinet will meet on Wednesday, November 13 at

2.30pm to look at the proposal again.

In announcing the date and time of the meeting, the council has also provided details of the new fund – about £75,000 will be available annually to support mini, junior and youth teams.

In a statement, the cabinet member for communities, Cllr Richard Young, said the council faced a funding shortfall of more than £36m over the next four years and needed to find new ways of providing services while protecting education and social services.

He said: "This is not about trying to generate extra income, selling off playing fields for development or any of the other misconceptions that seem to have sprung up around this very serious issue.

"Nobody wants to remove sports facilities from the county borough, but it is useless to simply bury your head in the sand and say 'I don't want anything to change'.

"Despite the length of time that we have been working on this and how it has been subject to both scrutiny and budget-setting processes, I have yet to see any critics of the proposal put forward viable, realistic, alternative plans which will enable the funding shortfall to be covered elsewhere.

"Unless we all act together and do something now, community sport is going to die a slow death as facilities deteriorate and become unusable.

"We fully appreciate that this presents local sports clubs with challenges, but we are appealing to them to come and work with us on developing long-term viable solutions that will serve to preserve community sport.

"The council wants to work

alongside and support clubs and organisations who take on the running of local facilities.

"Our community asset transfer process has been reviewed and streamlined to make it easier to use, and with a £1m fund providing support, we are further proposing that a new annual fund of around £75,000 is established to support mini, junior and youth teams and ensure that they do not miss out.

"The community asset transfer process is already benefiting the likes of Brynceithin Rugby Club, who are positively thriving with a newly-refurbished club house and community hub."

He added: "The removal of the subsidised cost and move towards full-cost recovery will begin in 2020, but it will only affect clubs who do not wish to take part in the CAT process.

"The prices quoted are also guideline figures.

"If all clubs and organisations make use of the asset transfer process, then clearly no one will face having to meet the full costs for using and maintaining local facilities.

"We are extremely flexible in how we approach this, and are willing to discuss other options, too.

"Nobody wants to be in this position, but in this time of austerity when numerous other councils are undertaking similar moves, I believe that community asset transfers offer the best possible solution.

"More than that, I think that they could be used to support a wider sense of partnership working which will ensure that community sport not only continues, but thrives."

1,000 fines dished out as 'Roly Patroly' catches illegal parkers

A NEW mobile camera car which drives around schools, past bus stops and zig-zags at crossing points in Bridgend has resulted in more than 1,000 fines being issued for parking violations in one year.

Bridgend County Borough Council bought the car in early 2018, wanting to clamp down on unsafe or illegal parking by schools and in other areas. Called Roly Patroly – a six-year-old won a school competition to name it – the enforcement car covers the whole county, driving past every school at least once a month.

From April 2018, to March 2019, a total of 1,041 fines were issued based on parking violations detected by the car.

A report going before councillors on a scrutiny committee on November 14 states that 216 fines were challenged, of which 55 were accepted.

Meanwhile, 10 fines reached the tribunal stage with two being upheld.

It is not yet known how much

the council has made from fines being issued but based on the fines being £70, discounted to £35 if paid within the first 21 days, it will be at least £35,000.

When the car was first introduced, the cabinet member for education Charles Smith said the service had nothing to do with generating income, being focused on increasing road safety outside local schools and helping to keep children safe.

Council officers said revenue raised through Penalty Charge Notices was first used to off-set the cost of providing the enforcement with any surplus being used in accordance with legislative requirements.

They said the enforcement was "well-received" in the county in the management of inappropriate parking and compliance with traffic orders.

The car uses CCTV automatic number plate recognition and is equipped with a software system based on GPS that has been updated with geographical parking restrictions.

It is designed to record any motorists who park their cars

illegally on school 'keep clear' zones, bus stops, pedestrian crossings with zig-zags and other restricted areas that put children at risk. The car only needs to drive past in order to do its job, and doesn't need to park or stop outside a school.

The information is then assessed by a civil enforcement officer who decides whether there is sufficient evidence to proceed with the case. The officer prepares an evidence pack which is forwarded to the Wales Penalty Processing Partnership (WPPP) for processing – the partnership processes payments and appeals on behalf of BCBC.

Drivers caught on camera parking illegally will receive a penalty charge notice in the mail for £70, discounted to £35 if paid within the first 21 days. People are able to first appeal to the local authority's shared appeals service and if they are dissatisfied with the outcome they can then take an appeal to the independent Traffic Penalty Tribunal, which is a judiciary service.

Liz Bradfield, Local Democracy Reporter

Squadron pays respects to the fallen



THE Squadron was busy over the Remembrance week, not only supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal but also the Sunday Armistice Service and parade held in Kenfig Hill on November 10.

As in previous years staff and cadets from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron RAF Air Cadets took part in the Poppy Appeal collection in Asda store, Pyle and would like to thank the customers of the store for their donations.

On November 10 Warrant Officer R Peckham RAFAC was once again parade marshal.

The weather was sunny but cold which helped towards the number of people attending this year at the Cenotaph, which sees more of the local community every year.

A spokesman said: "It's heartwarming to see so many young people there."

The RAF Air Cadet poppy wreath was laid this year by Cadet Cerys Lloyd.

The four standard bearers were Cadet Sergeant Luke Russell, Cadet Sergeant Alessia Parisi, Cadet Sergeant Patricia Davies and Cadet Corporal Morgan Griffiths.

Squadron Leader Barry C Thomas, Officer Commanding 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron said that it was always an honour for the Squadron to take part in the Service and Parade of Remembrance. This gives cadets of all ages in the squadron an understanding and insight into the sacrifice given by many.

Sqn Ldr Thomas would like to give his personal thanks to Warrant Officer R Peckham RAFAC and A/ Sergeant D Young for overseeing the arrangements for this weekend. Also his thanks to Squadron cadets who attended all activities in a smart and professional manner.

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Sounds Familiar in Bridgend

BRIDGEND and Porthcawl fundraisers for Marie Curie are putting on a winter concert with Sounds Familiar (Porthcawl choral group) on Friday, November 22 at Bridgend United Church, Tondur Road.

The evening will consist of refreshments, Christmas craft stalls and a raffle. Doors open 6.45pm. Tickets available on the door or in advance on 07791 255943.

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U3A group donates bench to help medical centre visitors



Representatives of Porthcawl U3A and staff at Porthcawl Medical Centre at the bench presentation.

PORHCWL U3A is celebrating 25 years as part of the fabric of its community and to mark the occasion, it has donated a bench to support visitors to the town's new Medical Centre.

The new bench was unveiled at a ceremony attended by some of the founders of one of the earliest, biggest

and most flourishing U3As in Wales. Chair Sally Corbett expressed the hope this would be a place people would sit and chat while waiting for their transport – helping to make patients feel comfortable, and symbolising the support offered by U3A to the community by bringing people together, promoting friendships and helping to combat the sadness of isolation. Receiving the bench

on behalf of Porthcawl Medical Centre, senior partner Dr Peter Evans thanked Porthcawl U3A for its years of service to community cohesion, and spoke of the inestimable value it provides in helping to combat loneliness, promote mutual support and social interaction. He added: "For these reasons, we as a practice encourage people to join Porthcawl U3A and, indeed, direct them to it." **BT**

'Zombie' properties blighting Welsh towns, AM claims

HUW Irranca-Davies says too many "zombie" commercial premises are blighting Welsh towns and villages.

The Ogmore AM has asked the Welsh Government what it can do to tackle former commercial premises now lying empty. He said they include long-unused petrol stations like one at the entrance to Ogmore Vale and a dilapidated factory shell at the entrance to Evanstown.

Mr Irranca-Davies told AMs: "Business owners and absentee landlords can sit on these properties with business rate reductions or exemptions for years and even decades.

"Despite the best efforts of local authorities to work with owners, landlords and agents, they remain crumbling eyesores.

"Local authorities have measures they can take on matters like environmental health, safety and security; but this merely

maintains the buildings in a state of near dereliction.

"They are zombie commercial premises and they bring a community down."

He asked how the Government can explore new streamlined measures for local authorities to tackle empty commercial properties, and also for details on what powers currently exist.

Finance Minister Rebecca Evans said local authorities have powers to help bring redundant commercial properties back into use in the same way that they do for residential properties.

She said the Government is keen to ensure that local authorities have the skill, knowledge and confidence to put those powers to the best use for their communities.

The Government has been dealing with empty properties through its targeted regeneration programme.

Ms Evans invited Mr Irranca-Davies to write to Housing Minister Julie James about the specific cases he had mentioned.

Celebrity golfers raise cash for Porthcawl Stoke Club

A CHEQUE for £1,500 has been presented to Porthcawl Stoke Club by the captain of Swansea Bay Golf Club.

Keith Duggan, chairman of the stroke group, gathered members for a surprise presentation on October 29.

Owen Money, the golf club's captain, and his friend Nigel Bevan visited the group to hand over the cheque.

The money was raised at a recent celebrity amateur competition with famous faces including Nicky Piper, Scott Quinnell, Ryan Day, Tommy David and John Devereaux taking part.

A group spokesman said: "The Porthcawl Stoke Club would like to say thank you to all.

"We cannot express how much we appreciate you thinking of us."

Anyone wishing to join the Porthcawl Stoke Club, call Keith and Mary Duggan on (01656) 773736.



Members of the stroke group receiving the £1,500 cheque.

Different communication strategy needed on budget, says council chief

THE chief executive of Bridgend County Borough Council has said the local authority needs to communicate with residents in a different way over budget cuts.

Mark Shephard told councillors that officers were drawing up a strategy on a new approach to public engagement, saying part of the problem involves residents thinking it is the council's fault that it has a 35% reduction in funding.

He said: "Typically, the view is that we're all useless, we don't know what we're doing and we're incompetent. There's not an understanding of where the problem comes from; I don't blame the public for that, I blame us.

"My concern is if we simply carry on trying to pretend we can do things in the way we have before, the public will think we

can – and it's a rocky road whatever the subject might be."

He said rather than going out to public consultation on individual issues as it currently does, there was a need for people to see issues in a wider context with the understanding that the status quo was no longer an option.

He said: "We need to engage and communicate with the public on an ongoing basis so we're not simply going out once a year with the medium term financial strategy which feels a little bit as though we're just throwing unpalatable options at them.

"It needs to be part of a wider, ongoing engagement and conversation so they understand our position and we understand their priorities.

"We have to have a different strategy which tells the public that we need a different operating model to an extent.

"We shouldn't be naive, it will still be difficult and we will still

have to make decisions that are unpopular.

"But at the moment, the public still don't realise these cuts are not our fault. It's like saying to them if you knocked off 35% of your household budget, you would have some very difficult decisions to make, as we do.

"With that reduced budget, you can't carry on and do all the same things you once did. We tend to consult on individual subjects and we provoke quite a lot of opposition which is partly because people do not understand the context as a whole."

The local authority has recently come in for heavy criticism after proposing to hike the charges of outdoor sports facilities by 500%, saying it can no longer afford to run them anymore.

It is faced with having to make around £30m budget cuts over the coming four years.

Liz Bradfield, Local Democracy Reporter

WI group gears up for festive season

LALESTON WI met on November 7 with 24 members present.

Guest speaker was John Sheen, who gave a very humorous interpretation of his take on 'Christmas Crackers'.

Various items of interest were brought to the attention of

members from The County Letter.

Laleston will send a delegate for the link in next year's AGM in The Royal Albert Hall, and members were invited to put their names forward.

Luncheon Club will be on November 19 at Poco Poco Bridgend at 1pm. The next meeting will be on December 5,

starting with a Carol Service in St Davids Church at 7pm and then back to the hall for a buffet.

The annual lunch takes place on February 18 next year.

Laleston WI meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7.15pm in The Blandy Hall, Laleston. More information from Diane Marshall on 01656 656600.

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COWBRIDGE Country Market invites all customers and friends to a 'Taste of Christmas' on Friday, November 15 with mince pie samples and other treats.

Christmas Markets will be held on Friday, December 6 and December 13, with a final pick-up for pre-orders on Friday, December 20.

The markets take place in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge, from 9.30am, when Christmas order forms will be available.

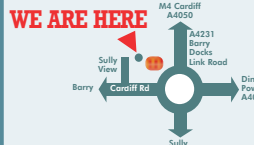
Band concert

PENCOED Silver Band will perform on Friday, November 15 at Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall, CF35 5PE.

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The concert is presented by Pencoed Town and District Twinning Association.

AM's surgery

JANE Hutt AM will hold an advice surgery at the CAB offices in Barry, 119 Broad Street, CF62 7TZ on Friday, November 15 from 4.30pm–5.30pm.

No appointment necessary.

Councillors' Surgery

THE Labour Councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards will hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, November 16 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am until 11am.

No appointment necessary.

Great turnout for Remembrance Day services in Bridgend and Porthcawl



Bridgend photographs taken by Mandy Thomas Photography.

Email: mandythomasphotography@hotmail.com

Children use pebble-power to support Safeguarding Week

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) has been joining other organisations across Wales to mark National Safeguarding Week 2019.

Together with its partners, the council has been raising awareness this week about how abuse can take many different forms – including physical, psychological, sexual, emotional and financial abuse – and how people can access help and support.

To demonstrate how everybody can spot signs of abuse and help promote safeguarding, local school children placed painted pebbles in parks and public areas across the county borough.

The pebbles feature eye-catching pictures on one side and #safeguardingwales on the other.

Members of the public who find the pebbles are being encouraged to share photographs of them on social media, and to tag BCBC.

Throughout the week, a range of different organisations will be providing information stands at the following venues:

Thursday, November 14 – Community Partnership Safety: Caerau Development Trust, Maesteg, 10am-12pm.

Friday, November 15 – Telecare: Civic Offices, 10am-12pm, and Community Partnership Safety:

Princess of Wales Hospital, 10am-12pm.

Specific awareness sessions will also take place for professionals who would like to find out more about safeguarding issues.

The sessions include details of the 'Bright Sky' app, which is designed to provide support and information for anyone who may be directly experiencing or know someone who is suffering from domestic abuse, sexual abuse, stalking and harassment.

The new Wales Safeguarding Procedures will also be launched during National Safeguarding Week which will provide guidance to practitioners working in Wales to safeguard children and adults who are experiencing or are at risk of abuse, neglect or other kinds of harm.

Council Leader Huw David said: "Safeguarding is everyone's business, and we all have a role to play in helping to help keep others safe."

"It is vital for everyone to be more aware of different types of harm, abuse and neglect and to understand how to recognise the signs and dangers of it in others."

"Working together as part of the Bridgend Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub, helping local people to lead safer lives will always be a key priority for the council and its partners."

Sandville celebrates its 30-year association with Keith Mort!



Garry Banks; Gwyneth Poacher; Peggy Parish; Julie Mort and Keith Mort.
(Photographs by Heather Jones).

RECENTLY, the Sandville Self Help Centre in Ton Kenfig held a table top sale to mark the reopening of its front conservatory.

It was redecorated by volunteers Jeff and Nathan Jones after the new flat roof and new lighting had been installed, and the work was done by Keith Mort of (KNM) Windows. Gwyneth Poacher, the Sandville founder, told TheGEM:

"Keith built and donated the conservatory 29 years ago, just after he started his own window business."

"He was roped in by our 'Bob the Gas', and back then he was at Sandville with all the Wales Gas boys every weekend, giving up their time."

"It was great to see him back here, this time cutting the ribbon of the Conservatory doors, along with his wife Julie."

"They were the first to walk on the new carpet,

which was donated by Dawn and David Brace. "Keith Mort then declared the table top sale open and gave a first class speech, asking everyone to spend well and enjoy the afternoon."

"It was the best ever table top sale and we raised a whopping £840 clear profit. "The atmosphere was brilliant as always, with tea, coffee, home-made cakes and pastries appreciated by everyone."

HJ

Christmas fair at Sker WI

SKER WI will be holding their Christmas Fair on Friday, December 6 at Trinity Church, Porthcawl.

Open from 10am to 12 noon, the fair will offer visitors a fine selection of homemade crafts and cakes. There will also be bric-a-brac, jewellery and scarves for sale and a chance to take part in the tombola and raffle with a selection of prizes including a Christmas hamper. The kitchen will be staffed by

Sker WI members serving teas and coffees with a mince pie included in the entry price of £1.

Sker WI meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm at St David's Church Hall, Nottage Village. Visitors are always welcome, so why not come along and say hello?

See Facebook at SkerWI@nottagevillage for further information.

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Museum is looking for a Bridgend base



Past Lives Museum owner Cheryl Hart, with Bridgend town councillor Tim Wood at the launch of the campaign.

PAST Lives Museum recently hosted a promotional event in Bridgend Indoor Market Hall.

The event showcased a display featuring a selection of artefacts from both previous and forthcoming exhibitions curated by the museum's owner and archivist, Cheryl Hart.

The museum holds a vast collection of social history artefacts and documents in its archives which form the basis of the exhibitions which take place either in our current premises based in Aberkenfig, or 'on tour' in the south Wales area and across the UK.

Past Lives are proud to have been associated with numerous events in Bridgend town centre over the past few years, especially Wartime Bridgend; and similar events are planned for the coming year.

The museum has been privileged over the years to have been able to acquire archival material of historic value to the museum and to the town of Bridgend. They are particularly honoured to have had the entire archive of the former Stokes & Sons Gents' Outfitters shop, which traded in Bridgend for almost 100 years. The archive was donated to the museum by the late Mike Stokes, with many of

his personal collections, and his family continue to support the museum.

Alongside the displays and exhibits at the promotional event, they took the opportunity to launch an exciting campaign for the museum.

Although based in Aberkenfig, Past Lives Museum has planned and worked towards the acquisition of suitable premises and funding to enable them to open a museum in Bridgend town centre and are actively campaigning to make this a reality. As well as providing an attraction for both residents of Bridgend and visitors to the town, the museum would provide a community and educational service to local schools, youth associations and adult societies, many of whom have visited the premises in Aberkenfig.

The campaign has already received support from the people of Bridgend with almost 200 signatures added to the petition within the first two days.

They have also been supported in this initiative by members of Bridgend Town Council, in particular councillors Tim Wood and Steven Bletsoe.

If anyone would like to sign the petition, email pastlives.history@gmail.com.

For news and updates on the campaign and future events, see Past Lives Museum on Facebook.

Spaces on charity will making scheme filling up fast

APPOINTMENTS to make a will using a charity scheme are filling up fast in Bridgend, local solicitors have warned.

Will Aid invites people to have a professional will drawn up during the month of November in exchange for a donation to charity: but the scheme has proved so popular in Bridgend this year that there are now only a few slots left.

Campaign director Peter de Vena Franks said: "We have seen record numbers of early bookings being made in this region but it's not too late. You can still make an appointment during November and we suggest you do it right now, to avoid disappointment.

"Having a will is one of the

most important items of paperwork you can have, yet alarmingly many still put off making one. "Will Aid is an opportunity to get the help of a professional solicitor and tick it off the to-do list, with the added bonus of helping nine amazing charities.

"We have a fantastic network of solicitors who generously donate their time to help people get their affairs in order."

Solicitors who take part waive their usual fee for writing basic wills.

Instead people are invited to make a voluntary donation to Will Aid, which then supports the work of ActionAid, Age UK, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, NSPCC, Save the Children, Sightsavers,

SCIAF (Scotland) and Trocaire (Northern Ireland).

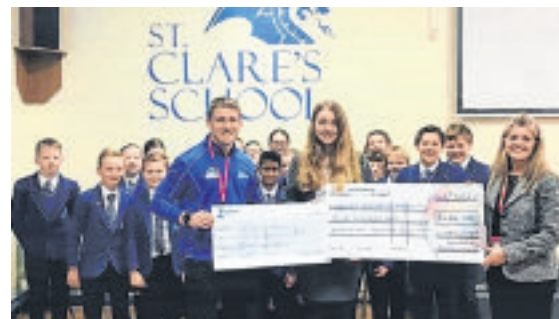
The suggested donation for a basic Will is £100 for a single will, and £180 for a pair of 'mirror' wills.

In 2018, its 30th anniversary year, Will Aid raised more than £1 million and, with the support of philanthropic solicitors has raised more than £20 million for good causes and helped more than 300,000 people make their wills.

Those who wish to make a will can book their November appointments now via www.willaid.org.uk by calling 0300 0309 558.

For more information visit: www.willaid.org.uk; solicitors with availability in Bridgend include RLE Law and CJCH Solicitors.

More cancer charities benefit from school's run



LEFT: Chris Leyshon and Anna-Marie Jones accept funds on behalf of Prostate Cymru and Cancer Research Wales.

A STAGGERING figure, just short of £2,000, was raised from St Clare's Race for Life and students decided to split it between four cancer charities.

Last week representatives from Prostate Cymru and Cancer Research Wales went to the school to collect their cheques after last month's presentations to Cost of Cancer and Breast Cancer Care.

Anna-Marie Jones from Cancer Research Wales and Chris Leyshon from Prostate Cymru both gave moving talks to the pupils about the research and support their charities offer. Each charity received £486.

Concerns raised about scrapping school transport

REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies is concerned that plans to remove school transport from some pupils aged 16 and over will deter many from staying on at school or college and gaining further qualifications.

Bridgend County Borough Council is currently consulting parents and others about proposed changes to its school transport policy as it attempts to make savings of £775k from its budget.

Welsh Conservative Mrs Davies welcomed some changes to the original proposals which mean that pupils attending sixth forms in Welsh medium and faith schools will retain their school bus places.

She said: "That is good news, as removing the free transport for those schools would have had devastating consequences on pupil numbers as they draw children from the entire borough. It would have inevitably compromised the growth of the Welsh language.

"However, there is an issue with the removal of all post-16 transport for the other schools and from Bridgend College. The College draws students from

the whole borough and at the moment, they receive a free bus pass.

"I will be asking the council for a copy of their detailed impact assessment report on how this policy change could deter pupils from attending college or staying on at school.

"The Welsh Conservative Green Card policy solves that problem by providing free bus transport for this age-group but the Welsh Labour Government pass only offers a discount.

"Learner transport is an investment in the future of our young people. Taking it away may not only harm their individual prospects but long term, will have a detrimental effect on the creation of a skilled, educated workforce in Bridgend able to take up the challenges posed by both new and existing employers."

Mrs Davies said that the council had also not addressed the situation of young carers who often have to struggle to attend school on top of their caring responsibilities and taking transport away from them will make it even harder for them to pursue further education opportunities.

Mrs Davies said that she

accepted that the council was reverting back to the statutory limits for providing transport to pupils living more than two miles from primary school and three miles from secondary school instead of the more generous limits until now of one and a half miles and two miles.

She continued: "The council says that it has employed an outside consultant to devise safe routes to school for pupils who are losing their buses.

"We have to be absolutely confident that these routes are indeed safe and that children are in no way put at risk by taking away their school bus.

The views of the children themselves are critical in devising safe routes.

"As a regional AM, I deal with other areas where parents have had to fight hard to get the local authority to scrap some of the so-called safe routes that they were proposing.

"In one case, children were being expected to walk through an unlit wood alongside a river which was completely unacceptable. I hope that cases like this will not arise in Bridgend."

Anyone with concerns about the council's proposals can contact suzy.davies@assembly.wales.

Trio rescued after getting stuck in 'soft mud'

NATIONAL Coastwatch Institute in Porthcawl dealt with six incidents and monitored an extra 12 during October.

The group has recorded 78 incidents to date, an increase of 25% on 2018 statistics.

Recently, there were three incidents involving persons getting stuck in the soft mud at the marina entrance, which is a tempting shortcut at low water, but currently there is deep, soft mud in the entrance channel which can be dangerous.

Incidents involving surfers, kitesurfers and windsurfers were reported to the Coastguard and with all of them resulting in a positive outcome.

Trainees have made excellent progress so far and are already joining mentored watches as a 'third pair of eyes' in the tower.

The poor weather during October resulted in the group logging and monitoring 559 vessels, a decline on previous months.

The group will be attending the Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild Christmas fair at Trinity Church on November 29 with a stand promoting Porthcawl NCI.

Also in November, the institute has its annual assessment to ensure it meets the high standards required by UK Coastguard, to remain a Search and Rescue asset and retain our Declared Facility Status.

Latest news from Coity WI

HELEN Hopkins was guest speaker at Coity WI's October meeting.

She spoke about breast cancer and the importance of being aware of the changes to our bodies which we should not ignore.

Members enjoyed the annual GFWI dinner in October at the Hi Tide in Porthcawl.

The lunch club visited Il Vecchio in Bridgend at the end of the month for a meal. The next lunch club outing will be in January.

Coity WI has been invited to an American Evening in November, organised by Maesteg WI.

Upcoming in December is the group's Christmas dinner at the Coed y Mwstwr Hotel.

Members will gather with other GFWIs for the annual WI carol concert at the Brangwyn Hall in Swansea. This year two members will be singing in the choir.

The darts team is meeting regularly to prepare for the GFWI open darts competition in February.

The team's coach is putting members through their paces in the hope that it will help in the face of stiff competition.

Coity WI meet in Gilead Chapel Hall on the third Thursday each month at 7pm and visitors are welcome to pop along for a taster session with no obligation.

The next meeting will be on November 21.

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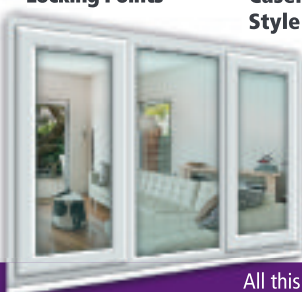


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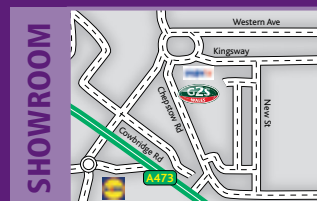


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St Donat's students open their new memory café



Four of the group (from left): Margaret, Sindre, Phrada and Daniel.

STUDENTS at UWC College of the Atlantic are starting a community project aimed at helping people with dementia – the 'St Donat's Memory Café'.

Daniel Aakre Faradonbeh, a spokesman for the organisers, told The GEM: "We are starting up a new dementia café to be run in the UWC College of the Atlantic grounds. The opening date will be November

20, and the café will run weekly on Wednesdays from 2pm to 4pm. "We, a group of six students, have a vision of affecting the world in a positive way, and some of us have had experience with family members with dementia. "We see the dementia café as an arena where people with dementia, their carers, and us, the activity friends, meet on a regular basis. The point of this is to allow these people to do the activities they love, but

struggle to do because of their illnesses. He continued: "In short, St Donat's Memory Café is for people with dementia as well as their friends and family who support them. The café offers a place to socialise, enjoy a cup of tea in a relaxing environment and to take part in events such as high tea, music and dance. "We are starting it because we want to make a difference in the world, starting with our local community."

Billboard are back at the Memo for pantomime



THE Barry amateur dramatics company Billboard Ensemble received an early Christmas present recently when they received their certificate and trophy from NODA (National Operatic and Drama Association) for winning the Best Panto Award (region four) for Beauty and The Beast!

This Christmas, the company is putting on pantomime favourite *Cinderella* at the Barry Memo Arts Centre

from December 19–22, with matinees on the Saturday and Sunday and there is also a Saturday morning performance.

For more information, visit to www.memoartscentre.co.uk.

Pictured (from left) are: Michael Bennett, Prince Charming; Angelique Duff, Cinderella; Tony Caley-Burnell, Baron; Steve Caley-Burnell, chorus captain; Jonathan Coombs, principal of Billboard and ugly sister; Peter Rees, ugly sister; Lisa Perry, Fairy Godmother; Nicolas Preen, Buttons.

October proved busy for Friends and Neighbours

IT was a busy October for Friends and Neighbours, with fish and chips at their usual Beryl Road Pioneer Hall venue attended by more than 60 members, including volunteers.

THE Commissioner for Older People in Wales advisers enjoyed chatting to the members about their experiences and views. Entertainment was provided by singer Deano, who enjoyed taking

the group down Memory Lane with a wide range of melodies. A lunch was held at Cwm Talwg, when 25 members enjoyed a tasty two-course lunch.

Members are now looking forward to the November meeting, with a demonstration of Christmas present wrapping.

Contact 01446 400044 for further information on the club.

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Extension to night bus service

WELSH bus operator NAT Group has announced an extension to its 304 bus service which runs between Barry town centre and Cardiff city centre. The additional service, which starts on November 18 and will run until 3.15am, will be welcomed by later commuters and those enjoying the city's nightlife.

Later journeys are also launching on NAT's X1 and X8 routes that serve Cardiff.

NAT Group managing Director Adam Keen said: "We are ensuring our great city and surrounding areas stay connected and that our passengers can get to where they need to be,

when they need to be there. Having analysed our current service levels, we felt that we could provide more for those wanting to travel later at night.

"We are sure our current passengers will appreciate the additional journeys and new passengers will be able to make use of the new services."

The extended bus routes from NAT follow the company's simplification of fare structure whereby a simple 'zonal' fares system will operate from November 18. Passengers can purchase a short hop ticket, which includes three consecutive stops, for just £1.20. The X1, X8 and 304 services also accept contactless payment.

The new timetables can be found www.nat-group.co.uk.

What's on, when and where, in your local area this week

Art Central talk ON Thursday, November 14 an illustrated talk takes place on this year's international art exhibition in Venice.

Everyone is invited to the first of four free talks by Prof Tony Curtis on: 'May we live in interesting times...' 'This year's Venice Biennale', 'A guide to art, ship wrecks and Stella McCartney's daps!' in the Art Central Gallery on King Square in the old library building. The doors open at 6.30pm with talk commencing at 7pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Councillors' surgery L L A N T W I T First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major on Saturday, November 16 from 9.30am until 11.30am.

Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Crafts open day RHOOSE Craft Group Open Day takes place on Saturday, November 16 between 1pm

- 4pm at Celtic Way Community Centre, Rhosee.

Demonstrations and crafts to try and buy: free entry, refreshments available.

LIFT Group THE Lift Group offers friendship and support to those affected by breast cancer.

The group meets in a family home in Cowbridge once a fortnight, either between 10am and 1pm for relaxation therapies, tea and coffee, or 2pm to 4pm for other activities such as speakers or trips out. Come and join us, bring a friend, for friendly, supportive and confidential get-togethers.

If you know anyone who would benefit from this group, call Anne on 01446 772843 or Judith on 01446 794176. We look forward to seeing you.

Llansannor Christmas Fair FOLLOWING the success of previous Llansannor Christmas Fairs, the LCHA will be holding their 2019 Christmas Fair in the Community Hall on Saturday, November

16 between 10am and 2pm.

Entry is free; all welcome.

Messy Church MESSY Church will take place on Sunday, November 17 in the Reading Room, Bonvilston (opposite Old Village Shop) at 2.30pm until 4pm.

A warm welcome is extended to youngsters (and toddlers with their parents) for fun activities for all the family, crafty things to make, a Bible story, some singing and plenty of refreshments.

For further information, call Rev Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020, Rev Canon Martyn Davies on 01446 760498 or Ann Roach on 01446 781309.

Diabetes event DR Lindsay George, consultant physician in diabetes and endocrinology, will host a Question and Answer session on Tuesday, November 19 in the Boardroom, Llandough Hospital at 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Everyone welcome!

Youngster's successful Italian tournament



LEFT: Evie Wong showing off her well-earned medals after competing in Italy recently.

A YOUNG lifeguard has just returned from Roccone in Italy where she has been representing Great Britain in the Surf Lifesaving Championships.

Evie Wong, a member of Rhosee Lifeguard Club, was the youngest participant at just 15-years-old with other opponents three years older than her.

She had an outstanding stint in the competition winning the European title in the beach sprint and the European title - along with her team mates - in the sprint relay.

Evie also came fourth in the beach

flags event and eighth in the tube rescue.

The youth British Team, consisting of six boys and six girls, picked up amazing results which gained them the title of European Champions of the Ocean.

After four days of competing in the pool, sea and on the beach, the Youth and Senior British Team finishing at 5th overall with 26 teams competing.

A spokesman for Rhosee Lifeguard Club said: "We and the community of Rhosee are very proud of Evie's fantastic results in her first GB selection."

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Film festival award for local directors

TWO local film directors have picked up an award at the Cardiff International Film Festival for their latest short film – with an autistic young boy leading the cast.

Showdown is a short film produced by the Welsh video production company, Fine Rolling Media.

In Cardiff on October 27, *Showdown* took the Critics' Choice award at a gala dinner in the Exchange Hotel.

The film's directors, Kristian Kane, from the Vale, and Lewis Carter, from Bridgend, took to the stage to accept the award with two of *Showdown*'s autistic actors, Charlie Lock (12) and Erin Jennings (21).

The audience broke into applause as the team thanked the festival for helping them fly the flag for Welsh independent Film and Autism Awareness.

Kristian Kane explained that: "We always try to make our films into a transformative experience for the community. People need to see themselves represented on screen in order for them to feel heard and appreciated. *Showdown* aims to do just that for people in the autistic community."



ABOVE: Lewis Carter and Kristian Kane with Charlie Lock.

Lewis Carter added: "When we told people we wanted to make a Western film set in south Wales starting autistic actors, quite a few of them said—'You can't do that.' Winning an award like this proves that there should be no limitations to the imagination when it comes to filmmaking and community outreach."

Showdown reimagines the classic Clint Eastwood-esque gunslinger hero in a contemporary south Wales setting.

The script was written by Lewis

and Kristian.

It is their third short film, following *Campfire Story* and *Royal*, which also won awards at film festivals.

Welsh actor and autism activist, Richard Mylan came onboard the project as an executive producer.

The film marks the first time 12-year-old (11 at the time), Charlie Lock has been cast in a lead role.

To find out more, go to www.finerollingmedia.co.uk/showdown/

Deadline looms to get water abstraction licence

THE deadline is fast approaching for changes in water abstraction licence requirements.

New regulations mean that transitional licence applications will need to be submitted before December 31 to prevent losing the right to abstract water from January 1, 2020.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) regulates water abstraction which is the process of taking water directly from surface water, such as rivers, or groundwater, such as boreholes.

Kathryn Mainwaring, NRW's Water Resources lead specialist advisor, said: "If you take more than 20 cubic meters (4,400 gallons) per day from a surface or groundwater source you are likely to need a transitional licence."

"Before 2018, a lot of water abstraction activity was exempt from licensing but changes to the law now require previously

exempt abstractors to apply for transitional abstraction licences.

"Water abstraction can have a significant impact on the environment and until now, these abstractors have legally been able to take an unlimited supply of water, without consideration of impacts on the environment or other water users."

Several activities which were previously exempt will now require a licence if they take more than 20 cubic meters per day; these include:

- Abstraction for any purpose in a previously geographically exempt groundwater or surface water area. These covered a large proportion of north, west and south west Wales.

- All forms of irrigation (previously only spray irrigation required a licence).

- Warping (the abstraction of water containing silt to fertilise agricultural land).

Kathryn added: "We need to

make sure that the amount of water taken from our rivers or out of the ground does not cause unacceptable impacts on the environment or other water users.

"By applying before the deadline, you will benefit from a streamlined process which makes most applications easier and cheaper and you are more likely to be able to take water as you've done in the past. You'll be able to continue abstracting as you have done in the past while your application is determined."

"If you don't apply, you may lose your right to abstract water and could face enforcement action including prosecution if you continue to do so."

For an application form and further information on how to apply, visit the NRW website, contact the Water Resources Permitting Team on 0300 065 3000 or email enquiries@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk.

Charity urges people to keep their support in the community

AGE Connects Cardiff and the Vale has been supporting older people in its communities for over 40 years.

Whether it be support with making difficult choices, such as moving into a care home, accessing benefit entitlements, advocacy representation in care homes, hospitals or the wider community, access to befriending schemes, or help with shopping and getting to appointments and participation in groups and activities to reduce social isolation... Age Connects has always been well and truly at the heart of communities.

In these uncertain times and with funding being cut, Age Connects is reaching out to

businesses to urge them to keep whatever charitable support they have available within the local community, where it can make an immediate and noticeable difference to the lives of older and vulnerable people.

Jeff Hawkins, CEO of Age Connects said: "I urge you to keep your support local. One of the reasons it's so rewarding for businesses to help the communities around them is that the results are so visible and significant." With this message in mind, Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale is encouraging businesses to support its forthcoming Christmas Gala Dinner, either through purchase of tickets or the donation of auction or raffle prizes.

The dinner is being held at the Copthorne Hotel, Cardiff on November 29; ticket price of £50 includes a welcome drink, three course meal, half bottle of wine, DJ, gift and auction. A discount is available for group bookings.

Karen Steele of Age Connects said: "The work of Age Connects, supporting lonely and vulnerable older people, is at risk from ongoing funding cuts. If you and your organisation feel as passionately about supporting local older people as we do, join us for a fun filled evening and help us spread some festive cheer in our communities this Christmas."

To find out more, visit www.ageconnectscardiff.org.uk or call Karen on 02920 683 604.

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Stan Rosenthal's work goes on display

TOPSTAK held its first evening art exhibition displaying the wonderful work of the late Stan Rosenthal, a past resident of Cowbridge, on November 7.

The exhibition featured originals, some of which had been loaned from private collections, alongside a selection of his limited-edition prints showing the many different styles of the artist. Topstak was joined for the evening by Stan's widow, Nicky, who was able to share the personal stories and histories behind his artwork. Many of the paintings

of display featured scenes from the south Wales coast such as Southerndown, Cwm Nash and Three Cliffs Bay.

Topstak is now the home of the remainder of Stan's collection which includes many of his last remaining one-off and limited-edition prints.

Much of the exhibition will continue to be on display over the coming weeks, with a smaller selection on permanent display. To ensure that admirers of Stan's work can view the full collection, a website is soon to be launched with full details of all his remaining paintings and prints.

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Solar farm to be built at Cardiff Airport

A JOINT agreement with Cardiff Airport and a local renewable energy developer will result in the installation of a new Solar PV Farm on the airport site in the near future.

The construction of the 2MW solar site is set to be completed within the next 18 months by Bridgend-based company Cenin Renewables, which has successfully delivered notable renewable energy projects across key sites in south Wales. The Solar PV Farm at Cardiff Airport will sit within the boundary of the site and will supply the business with electricity via a private wire, with any surplus energy being exported to the national grid.

It is anticipated that the new solar farm will deliver a carbon reduction of some 20,508 tonnes over the next 25 years, a saving of approximately 860 tonnes every year.

This project is the next step in Cardiff Airport's recently unveiled Environmental Flight Path – a timeline of immediate and short term environmental goals.

The milestones will be

delivered in line with the organisation's vision to become a carbon neutral airport and is a key consideration for the Airport's Masterplan development over the next two decades.

Mark Bailey, Director of Airport Planning and Development at Cardiff Airport, said: "After a huge amount of careful planning and consideration, it is hugely exciting to see this project come to life. We're proud to be working in partnership with a Welsh business who bring with them expert knowledge and a wealth of experience needed to develop this project on our site. When it's complete, it will deliver massive carbon reductions and power the airport."

In addition to its renewable energy and carbon reduction benefits, the solar farm will create a welcoming, natural environment for biodiversity including bees and some species of wild flowers.

Martyn Popham, Director at Cenin Renewables, added: "Cenin Renewables is delighted to have been chosen to work with Cardiff Airport to help them achieve an important part of their comprehensive plan to decarbonise the airport operation."



ABOVE: Martyn Popham, from Cenin Renewables (left) with Mark Bailey from Cardiff Airport.

Dog of the Week



OLIVE is a beautiful one-year-old old Lurcher who is full of life.

She is bright and eager to learn new things, so further training would be beneficial for her. Olive does socialise with other dogs and could live with another canine friend in her new home, as long as they are also calm and well socialised.

She will need plenty of off-lead exercise to burn off that excess energy.

Olive is looking for an adult only home with experienced dog owners

who can continue to keep her physically and mentally stimulated. She doesn't mind traveling in the car and loves to explore new places. Olive is not used to being left on her own, so the amount of time would need to be built up gradually. If you're looking for a fit, active dog, then Olive could be the one for you.

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Business club holds its inaugural awards evening

THE Bridgend and Vale Business Club held its inaugural 'BVBC Awards' ceremony recently – an event aimed at recognising the best in local business, hosted by the popular radio DJs Jagger and Woody.

The event took place at the Best Western Heronston Hotel and Spa. Jagger and Woody ensured everything went with a swing.

Simon Jagger said: "I think it is great that the business club wants to recognise hard-working business people and entrepreneurs who provide top

quality services and invest in the local economy."

Lizzie Memory of Bridgend and Vale Business Club said: "It was a great evening and we were thrilled Jagger and Woody agreed to host it.

There were 10 categories:

1/ The award for 'Energy Efficiency in Business' was sponsored by ViridianUK Energy Matters Ltd and was won by Cath Richmond of the Caring Laundry.

2/ The award for 'Young Entrepreneur of the Year' was sponsored by R McGee Insurance Broker Ltd and was won by Phillz Barbers.

3/ The award for 'Best Innovation in Business' is sponsored by ITCS (UK) Ltd and

was won by Chris Gill of BJJ Waste Clearance.

4/ The award for 'Best New Business' is sponsored by Prings Plumbing and Heating Ltd and was won by Steven Dodd from GLR Bespoke Services.

5/ The award for 'Best Staff Development' is sponsored by Welcome Home Sales and Lettings Ltd and was won by Sian Thomas and Daughter.

6/ The award for 'The business that most benefits the local area' is sponsored by F9 Films and was won by Nathaniel Cars.

7/ The award for 'Best Business Marketing' is sponsored by AMB Building and Construction and was won by Lora Payne from LCVA Services.

8/ The award for 'Best Business Growth' was sponsored by The Glamorgan Gem and was won by Cath Richmond of the Caring Laundry.

9/ The award for 'Best Product or Service Range' is sponsored by Perry's Vehicle Repairs Ltd and was won by Brian Stokes of ITCS.

10/ The award for 'Best Customer Service' is sponsored by Peninsula HR H&S-Barry Quinn and was won by Perry Tate of Perry's Vehicle Repairs.

Finally, the award for 'Best Overall Business' which was sponsored by Bridgend and Vale Business Club was awarded to Sian Thomas and Daughters.



Catrin Morgan of Sian Thomas and Daughters winning best overall business sponsored by Bridgend and The Vale Business Club presented by Steve Richmond and Lady Helen Woolridge-Morgan.



Perry Tate of Perry's Vehicle Repairs winning best customer service, sponsored by Barry Quinn from Peninsula UK.



Lora Payne from LCVA Services, winning best business marketing, being presented with her award by sponsor Alun Butler from AMB construction Ltd.



With guest presenters Jagger and Woody is Steven Dodd from GLR Bespoke Services, winning best new business, sponsored by Prings Heating and Plumbing.



Cath Richmond of the Caring Laundry, winning best customer service sponsored by Wendy Snatchfold of the Glamorgan GEM.



Rob Vowles from Nathaniel Cars winning 'business that makes the most community impact' sponsored and presented by Andrew O'Leary from F9 films.



Phillz Barbers was the winner of the 'best young entrepreneur' category, sponsored by R McGee Insurance. He is pictured with presenters Jagger and Woody.



Chris Gill from BJJ waste clearance, winning best service, presented by Brian Stokes from ITCS.



Perry Tate (left) of Perry's Vehicle Repairs presenting the award for Best Product or Service Range to Brian Stokes of ITCS.

RIGHT: Tim Hughes from Viridian Energy Matters UK about to present the award for the most energy efficient business, which went to Cath Richmond from the Caring Laundry.

FAR RIGHT: Catrin Morgan of Sian Thomas and daughter winning best staff development sponsored by Welcome Home Sales and Lettings (presented by Dave Block and Leah Thomas).



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Dewch i fwynhau Marchnad Nadolig a cherddoriaeth yn y Ganolfan Siopa gyda Siôn Corn a'r digwyddiad troi'r goleuadau Nadolig ymlaen am 6pm yn Neuadd Dref Llanilltud Fawr. Gorymdaith Llusernau am 5.15pm.

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3pm – 5pm

PENARTH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

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Sunday 17 November

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12pm – 7pm

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**Friday 22 &
Saturday 23 November**

Enjoy a two day festive market and don't miss Nessa Shanessa Jenkins (Ruth Jones from Gavin & Stacey) turning on the Christmas Lights at 6pm on Saturday. The switch on will be followed with a free open air showing of Home Alone in Central Park, Barry. Market open 11am each day.

Sat 6pm – Light switch on

COWBRIDGE CHRISTMAS WEEKEND

COWBRIDGE

**Friday 22
Saturday 23
Sunday 24 November**

Shop the three-day Christmas Market at the Duke Of Wellington Car park plus enjoy the famous Reindeer Parade.

**Reindeer Parade –
Sun from 12pm**

HIGH ST. BARRY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

HIGH ST

Friday 29 November

Fun for all the family with live music, entertainment, Santa and at 7pm Andrew and Lee Selby will turn on the Christmas Lights.

4pm – 8pm

LIGHTING UP LLANTWIT MAJOR AT CHRISTMAS

LLANTWIT MAJOR

Saturday 30 November

Enjoy a Festive Market and music in the Precinct plus Santa and the Light switch on at 6pm in Llantwit Major Town Hall. Lantern Parade at 5.15pm.

12pm – 8pm

ST ATHAN CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

ST ATHAN

Sunday 1 December

Music and entertainment from 3pm with the Christmas Light Switch On at 5pm.

3pm – 5pm

VISIT COWBRIDGE THIS CHRISTMAS

A Magical Festive Experience

Reindeer Parade kick-starts Christmas in Cowbridge

YOU know Christmas is on the way when Cowbridge announces that Santa's reindeer are on their way to the town, and this year the big day is Sunday, November 24!

It's a tried and tested format and, following the old adage 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' this year's event will follow the familiar pattern of previous Reindeer Parades.

The event is organised by the Cowbridge Chamber of Trade, and spokeswoman Sarah Legg told The GEM: "Christmas in Cowbridge this year is looking spectacular... the traders are making a big weekend of their reindeer parade."

"On Friday, the shops will be open until 8pm with carols, live music and Cowbridge's very first Christmas market."

"Saturday launches our golden key giveaway. All the traders in the town have given offers and prizes to be hidden in our golden envelopes."

"These will be handed out randomly in the town to visitors!"

"The Christmas market continues on this day too and Sunday, of course, is the amazing reindeer parade, starting around 12 noon. It's

great to see the traders of our town working together. Retail has had a particularly hard year, but Cowbridge remains a beautiful place to shop and welcomes customers old and new."

The parade will begin at 12 noon, but it is always advisable to get there early, and it is going to be bigger and better than previous years, said organiser Alun John.

"I know we say it each year, but this really is going to be the best Reindeer Parade yet," said Alun.

"The thing is," he continued, "there are so many exciting things happening that I don't want to spoil the surprise by telling all The GEM's readers too much!"

"This event is our, the traders and the Chamber of Trade's, way of giving a little back to the people who support us."

In addition to the parade, there will, of course, be carol singing, and a celebrity or two (under wraps at the moment!).

The countdown for the switch-on to bathe the town in Christmas lighting cheer begins at 4.45pm.

Alun gave his thanks to all who have helped so far.

"We are extremely grateful to all the organisations and individuals who are helping support the event in Cowbridge this year."

Pop-up shop pops up in time for Christmas



EIGHT years ago, four local brothers started importing the Norwegian outdoor and ski clothing brand, Skogstad, into the UK.

With more than 30 independent retailers throughout the UK now selling the brand, they recently opened their very first Skogstad shop, a pop-up until the end of January, at 85 Eastgate, Cowbridge.

Boasting lots of lovely, vibrant, Norwegian products to keep the family warm and dry – down jackets, waterproof shell and insulated jackets and trousers, parkas, merino

wool base-layers, and accessories including hats, gloves, neck gaiters, and underwear.

In addition, they offer walking boots, wellingtons, snow boots and slippers from Viking Footwear (100 years old next year).

The shop is open Monday to Saturday from 10am-5.30pm until the Cowbridge Christmas weekend, and from Tuesday to Sunday afterwards.

You can be assured of a warm welcome and good advice from the brothers, as well as the popular weekly special offers when you visit, so pop in and wrap yourselves up for the winter ahead.

Christmas specials at the Cross Inn



TOM Brock and his mum, Heather, are really looking forward to their first Christmas at The Cross Inn.

They took over The Cross Inn in September, and ever since the restaurant has been getting rave reviews.

New Head Chef Jason Coleman absolutely shares their vision of home-made, fresh food cooked to perfection, whether it's the venison faggots or fishcake starter, the lasagne or sea bass main course, or the chocolate whisky tart or bread and butter pudding dessert – it's all freshly made in The Cross Inn's kitchen.

Jason has some mouthwatering

Christmas specials planned through December.

Christmas Day lunch will really be a 'home from home' occasion, with a lovely relaxed and convivial atmosphere.

The Cross Inn can only accommodate 40 people and with only one sitting, you will be assured of great service and fabulous food.

The Christmas decorations are all planned and it will be worth a visit just to see the Christmas lights and have a pint of the Christmas guest beer Chris Moose, the Glitterberry J20 or a glass of hot mulled wine.

Dogs are always welcome in the bar with water and a treat at the ready.

Cowbridge Christmas Weekend

Friday 22nd November LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

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Saturday 23rd November

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Sunday 24th November REINDEER PARADE

A Christmas extravaganza, the Christmas market, the famous reindeer parade and lunch with Santa at the Bear Hotel

*you will need to book via The Bear Hotel for Santa's lunch

late night shopping until 8pm

*golden key giveaway. Find the envelope with the golden key and claim your prize inside.



...★ VISIT **COWBRIDGE** THIS CHRISTMAS ★... *A Magical Festive Experience*

Keep yourself warm with help from La Mercerie



THE cold weather is upon us now, and the fashion for bobble hats shows no sign of slowing down.

Knitting your own is the best way to get a perfect fit and colour choice, and you can even add a faux fur pompom to be right on

trend. La Mercerie has a wide range of suitable yarns and patterns to create your own work of art.

There are so many lovely chunky and super chunky yarns around just now, why not make a matching scarf or even a jumper?

Elephant & Bun has your deli needs covered



THE Elephant & Bun Delicatessen has a wide range of food, drink and kitchenware Christmas gift ideas to suit all members of the family.

Whether it is a Welsh food hamper for all the family, biscuits, chocolates, sweet treats, or a set of Welsh beers, miniature gins or whiskeys, your family-run High Street deli can tick all the boxes on your Christmas shopping list.

We are now taking orders for your Christmas and New Year festivities for cheeses, quiches,

cold cut pies, salads and puddings, not forgetting our famous Welsh cakes and mince pies!

Just drop in for a list of Christmas food goodies available.

Over the road at the Elephant & Bun Kitchen, Jack and the team are now open seven days a week, bringing you their take on the very best brunches and lunches to complement their range of the finest coffees, teas, cakes and other treats.

Look out for special ticket-only evening events in the run up to Christmas and remember the Kitchen is available for private functions.

Shop marks first Christmas in Cowbridge

IN the Old Mason's Yard on the river bank, Little Sweethearts is celebrating its first Christmas in Cowbridge, having been open for six months.

It is run by Lisa, who said: "Little Sweethearts is a local, independent baby shop offering traditional and exclusive products, while also catering for all budgets."

"We have clothes and shoes for children from birth to nine years old."

Lisa offers a gift wrapping service – not just for Christmas but all year round, and for parents who want to plan ahead for their child's wardrobe, she offers a payment plan system to spread the cost over eight weeks.

Little Sweethearts also has a loyalty card scheme, making it a must to visit this festive season!



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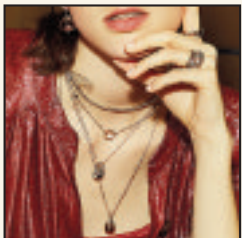
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Christmas gifts galore at The Pencil Case

IF you are looking for Christmas gift ideas for children and stationery addicts of all ages, there is only one shop to visit in Cowbridge - The Pencil Case on Eastgate.

Owner Sally Stephenson and her colleague Jane have put together a wonderful range for the festive season.

Sally told The GEM: "Children and adults alike love our wide range of colourful pens and pencils, notebooks, colouring books, toys and gifts.

"New for this year

is a brightly-coloured range of dotted notebooks, accessories and

sweeping the stationery world!" The ever-popular

instruments, wooden trains, dolls houses and Orchard Toys games.

The Pencil Case is the perfect place for great value stocking fillers - collectable Iwako erasers including Santa, snowmen and Christmas trees; sparkly gel pens, novelty pencils and sharpeners and of course unicorn-themed stationery and gifts!

It stocks contemporary greetings and Christmas cards in both Welsh and English and

colourful brush pens, perfect for those looking to take up bullet journaling. A bullet journal can help you organise your life, record your achievements or just capture your thoughts.

"It is the latest craze

range of Top Model colouring and sticker books has been enhanced with new designs, secret diaries and jewellery boxes. There is also a selection of toys for children from birth upwards, including musical

a wide range of helium balloons. And if you just can't decide what to buy, why not pick up a gift voucher!

The Pencil Case is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday, and on Reindeer Parade Sunday.



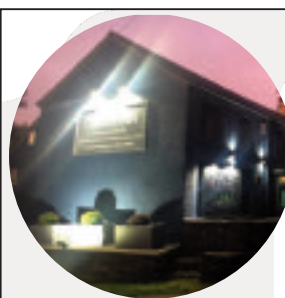
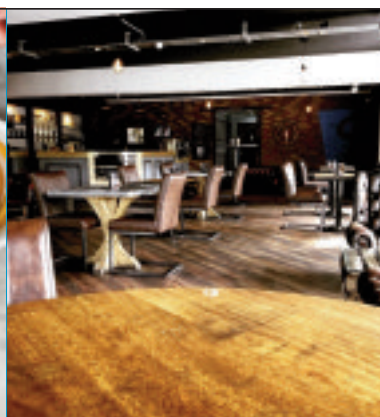
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What a great show from traders!



COWBRIDGE retailers excelled themselves with the window displays they produced in support of the Poppy Appeal's 'Paint the Town Red' initiative.

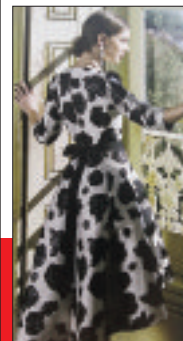
More traders than ever took part, over 20 in total, and the town was red from end to end. Poppy Appeal organiser David Howell said: "I must thank them publicly for their support."

"Their creative and imaginative designs have helped put Cowbridge on the map as a town which has taken the Poppy Appeal to its heart."

"The large number of other retailers who put a felt poppy in their window as a sign of their support also contributed markedly to the atmosphere in the town."



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Christmas starts on High Street, Barry

THE High Street Traders are gearing up for another fabulous festive season, kicking off with their popular Late Night Shopping Event today Thursday, November 14 from 5pm to 7.30pm.

Voted the fourth best independent High Street in the UK, Barry High Street has got something really special to share this festive season.

Fay Blakeley, High Street trader and owner of Homemade Wales said: "High Street really does have everything you need for your festive celebrations – whether it's award-winning meat and poultry, fruit and veg or pastries and cheeses, the High Street has everything you need for your festive feasts.

"Looking for a new outfit for Christmas

Day or beautiful gifts to go under the tree? You're sure to find it all on the one street. Shopping local has never been easier."

Promoting the Shop Local message, in addition to working with and supporting the local community, is at the heart of the Traders' success, which is why the annual Christmas Light switch on taking place on Friday, November 29 from 4pm until 8pm, is always such a favourite in the local calendar.

This year looks to be no exception. The Traders have pulled out all the stops to make their festive window displays an attraction in themselves. Partnered with all the usual fun, choirs and magicians, the High Street Christmas Light switch on looks set to be a must for the festive season – your Christmas starts right here!

Order your festive meat at Vic Hopkins Butchers!

THE team at Vic Hopkins Butchers has announced the safe arrival of this year's Christmas order forms.

Boss Anthony Hopkins pointed out that with only 40 days until Christmas Day, it's not a moment too soon, and that customers can start taking away the forms to fill in and return.

Anthony said: "It's my 35th Christmas on High Street. I've seen a

lot of changes over the years but one thing that's always stayed the same is the excellent produce and customer service that we provide to our customers.

"With decades of experience in dealing with the Christmas rush between us, customer orders couldn't be in safer hands.

"Pick up your Christmas order form soon or drop us an email: welshbutchers@yahoo.co.uk.

RIGHT: The team are ready and waiting for orders!



Get your bouquets just in time for Christmas



BUDDING Designs has gone from strength to strength since opening in 2018.

They are passionate about creating beautiful Bouquets that are plastic free, recyclable and affordable – always striving to provide stunning arrangements that are a little bit different using blooms that you just can't get in the supermarket.

Owner Nicola Hopkins said: "We are really excited for Christmas this year. We were blown away last Christmas by how busy we were, so this year we are truly

prepared! We have a fantastic selection of eco-friendly Christmas bouquets on offer and are now taking orders for delivery right up until Christmas Eve."

Join Nicola in her studio at one of her workshops and with Christmas just around the corner, now is the perfect time to learn how to make your own Christmas door wreath.

With a wide selection of bouquets to choose from, it couldn't be easier to get a bouquet delivered with the online ordering system, visit www.buddingdesigns.co.uk.

Get noticed with Vinylize



ABOVE: Tony Peters and Richard Colbourne of Vinylize on Broad Street printing Christmas posters.

A NEW business in Broad Street is Vinylize, which offers a full range of embroidered and printed clothing.

Tony Peters opened 16 months ago, deciding that he needed larger premises and also a high street presence.

He sells a wide range of T-shirts, hoodies, sports kit and boots, and all can be either printed or embroidered.

You can buy the

clothing unprinted, but then you would miss out on seeing Tony's embroidery machine in action – it's pretty amazing to watch a name appear, almost by magic.

Another aspect of the printing business that Vinylize caters for is transferring family photos onto canvases in a range of sizes – something that is always very popular with Christmas in mind.

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The latest hair and beauty at HQ2 The Salon



HQ2 salon has been in business for 19 years and have recently moved to 11 High Street, next to the deli.

Dawn Vaughan from the salon said: "High Street traders have made us feel very welcome – and what a lovely community it is with lots of support from local traders who have managed to put together some lovely events, such as the Easter bonnet parade, Pride Day and the next big event – the Christmas lights and Christmas fair, which we are looking forward to."

"We at HQ2 have worked hard to offer our clients the latest hair and beauty with stylist updating, keeping up with the latest colouring and cutting techniques, updating on beauty and offering a new beauty treatment, Diamond micro dermabrasion.

"It's a very popular

treatment, revealing beautiful skin tone and clarity with a glow. This treatment also offers a face mask and the treatment is on offer up until Christmas.

"One treatment is £35, or three treatments £80. "We also offer vitamin B12 injections with a fully qualified B12 practitioner if you're feeling tired and run-down, struggling with weight gain or depression; B12 is guaranteed to help.

"We also offer semi-permanent make up lip liner, lip blush, micro blading, eyelash tattoo enhancement, LVL eyelashes – which are your own eyelashes (LVL stands for 'length volume lift') – these are just a few of our treatments available.

"We have been recognised as a four-star salon by the Good Salon Guide of which we are very proud, as it's quite an achievement.

"All our staff are very friendly and we

Looking for a festive outfit? Bryl's Boutique has it covered

BRYL'S Boutique has been a fashion haven on Barry's High Street for almost 13 years now.

Bryl's offers a comprehensive mix of casual and party wear from well known labels such as Ted Baker, French Connection, Joules, Ugg, Rieker and lots, lots more.

In addition to clothes and footwear, Bryl's Boutique also offers a great range of accessories and jewellery.

It's clear from the brief time that I spent in the shop that Ann is passionate about fashion and are always adding new brands to the shop's offering to ensure the High Street has the best of the best when it comes to fashion.

Another thing is abundantly clear – whatever the occasion, whatever the budget and whatever the age range – they have it covered!

So with Christmas in mind, the Bryl's Boutique is a must to visit!

Bespoke Jewellery – a working goldsmith

CONNECTING Barry High Street and Broad Street is Island Road, and there you will find Bespoke Jewellery – a working goldsmith where 95 per cent of the stock is made in-house.

Robert Linder is in charge in Barry (the company has another branch in Cardiff) and is looking forward to the usual busy period in the run up

to Christmas.

Robert said: "We always get plenty of special commissions, and another popular service is remodelling items that have faded a little with time."

The company's reputation is such that they make items for film and TV companies, but these are strictly 'one-offs,' so Bespoke can't put a similar item on sale!

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HIGH Street's own toy shop, Giggles, promises a magical Christmas this year for your little ones.

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year.

Santa's sleigh will be full of toys that can be passed down from generation to generation and that are friendly to our planet.

Don't forget the High Street light switch on Friday, November 29 from 4pm-8pm – Jill Mathews, Giggles' owner, is looking forward to seeing you all.

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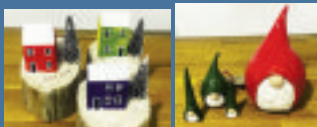
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Butterflies is the place to go for presents



BUTTERFLIES is a beautiful gift shop situated in the heart of High Street, stocking beautiful gifts, greeting cards, Bomb cosmetics, bath bombs, Yankee Candles, home accessories and Kringle candles.

Owner Jodie is celebrating almost 11 years on High Street and over the last five years, has extended her business with a magical Christmas shop.

After taking some time off due to serious illness, Jodie is now back running her business and

opening her fabulous Christmas shop again this year. During her time off, she has worked hard designing her own gift collection and new personalised products which she launched this year.

Butterflies can now design and personalise greeting cards for any occasion from £1.99 with matching gifts. Why not pop in to the store where Jodie and her fabulous team can assist with personalising Christmas cards, gifts and wrapping beautiful hampers?

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Owner Fay Blakeley spends a lot of time throughout the year meeting and sourcing new makers and artists, to curate an enviable selection of gifts and homewares.

Fay said: "It's always a thrill for me to bring together the work of so many talented makers and artists, especially at Christmas, when customers are looking for something a little bit different to gift their loved ones. I get such a kick out of customers getting in touch in January telling me how well their gift was received."

"This year, we've opened



our extension so have even more gorgeous handcrafted gifts, prints and homewares than ever before."

So if you're looking for gifts a little less ordinary this Christmas, why not get yourself along to Homemade Wales, 9 High Street, Barry or visit [Facebook.com/HomemadeWales](https://www.facebook.com/HomemadeWales). Supporting local has never been so easy.

Look after yourself at The Beauty Clinic

MICHAELA and her staff at The Beauty Clinic are poised to pamper their clientele.

Popular treatments include intense light therapy and micro-blading, while with the party season in mind, the Beauty Clinic specialises in Glitzy Lips, Minx Toes, and evening makeup.

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Jade Boutique – a specialist in designer clothing



ONE of the many attractions of High Street Barry is the number of independent traders who know and understand the area.

It is certainly true of Jane James, who runs Jade Boutique.

She has been in the present shop, No 74, High Street for four-and-a-half years, but she has been in the area for more than 30.

Jane specialises in quality designer clothing, with Frank Lyman evening wear particularly popular at the moment.

Jade Boutique has quality goods in a wide price range, and Jane's regular customers know this very well.

For Christmas (and all year round) Jade Boutique is a must visit clothing destination.

Jane James of Jade Boutique with some of the gorgeous evening wear to be found in the shop this Christmas.

Festive floral items from Beautiful Lily

BEAUTIFUL Lily in High Street Barry is once again looking forward to helping customers enjoy a traditional festive season, and has a great range of Christmas wreaths and fresh garlands.

The proprietor Helen said: "One of our most popular lines over the last two years has been our snowmen, made entirely out of white chrysanthemums."

"We've had excellent reports, and they have lasted four or five weeks."

Of course, Beautiful Lily has a wide range of bouquets available, and all the items you would expect to find in a quality florist.

Helen added: "We offer daily deliveries, right up to Christmas Eve."



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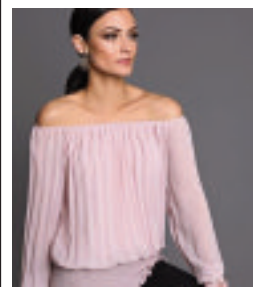
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Festive offerings at Food for Thought



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This year, they are proud of the massive range of Welsh cheese – expanded from last year, with crackers and chutneys as well.

Another new line sure to be in demand this year is Georgie Porgie, a small

independent supplier of award-winning sponge puddings in various exotic flavours, including 'Lemon and Pimms'!

Another area where Food for Thought has increased its range is in vegetarian and vegan party food.

However, while you are checking out High Street's independent shops, don't forget the the store's regular offers, in take-away food and hot drinks!

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Dydd Gwener 29 Tachwedd 2019	Barri Stryd Fawr, rhwng Stryd y farchnad a Stryd Dwyrain Ynys y Road Barri, rhwng Broad Street a Heol y Frenhines	12.00noon tan 10.00pm

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER 2018 HIGH STREET BARRY CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-
WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-
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Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 29th November 2019	High Street Barry , between Market Street and East Street Island Road Barry , between Broad Street and Queen Street	12.00noon to 10.00pm

Local Signed Diversions shall be in place

Dated this 14th day of November 2019

Director of Environment & Housing

Vale of Glamorgan Council

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: 20TH NOVEMBER 2019

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BUTTRILLS WALK, BARRY (NO PETS) H4U reference 203028 Pref to apps with a medical priority • Three bed ground floor flat • Wet Room Rent £108.17 per week inc water	WEST WALK, BARRY H4U reference 227608 55+ Pref to apps with a medical priority. No history of antisocial behaviour • One bed bungalow • Level Access Shower • Water Meter Rent £105.13 per week	REDLANDS HOUSE, PENARTH (NO PETS) H4U reference 243884 60+ Pref to apps with a medical priority • One bed flat • Ground floor • Level Access Shower • Warden/Alarm Rent £126.63 per week inc warden/water	CERI ROAD, RHOOSE H4U reference 252366 • Two bed flat • Ground floor (3 steps up to) • Wet Room Rent £101.30 per week inc water	GLANMOR CRESCENT, BARRY H4U reference 210320 • Two bed flat • Ground floor Rent £96.90 per week inc water	NORTH WALK, BARRY (NO PETS) H4U reference 217770 40+ no history of antisocial behaviour • One bed flat • First floor Rent £96.90 per week inc water
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EARL CRESCENT, BARRY H4U reference 208561 55+ No Pets • One Bed Flat • Ground Floor • Level Access Shower Rent £101.79 per week including service charges	ABERAERON CLOSE, BARRY H4U reference 283224 • 2 bed house Rent £117.94	OWAIN CLOSE, PENARTH H4U reference 199655 • Two bed house Rent £124.00 per week inc water charge	NEWHOUSE COURT, BARRY H4U reference 199681 55+ with a requirement for two bedrooms. Applicants in receipt of pension credit will also be considered. • Two bed flat • Ground floor Rent £112.21 per week	POWIS VIEW, BARRY H4U reference 1115931 • Two Bed Flat • Second Floor Rent £113.39 per week	HANOVER COURT, BARRY H4U reference 982571 55+ • Two bed flat • First floor (no lift) Rent £113.73 per week
BUTTLEE COURT, BARRY H4U reference 1042031 • Three bed flat • Second floor (no lift) Rent £113.13 per week	FFORDD PENTRE, BARRY X 2 H4U reference 199851 Two bed house Downstairs wet room £108.81 per week	FFORDD PENTRE, BARRY X 2 H4U reference 199863 • Three bed house • Downstairs wet room Rent £119.70 per week	ELLIS FISHER COURT, BARRY (NO PETS) H4U reference 186000 55+ Pref to apps with a medical priority • One bed flat • First floor (lift) • Level access shower • Independent Living Officer Rent £135.78 per week inc service charge	GWYN JAMES COURT, PENARTH (NO PETS) H4U reference 1999162 55+ One bed flat First floor (no lift) Scheme Co-ordinator Rent £148.54 per week inc service charge, water and heating	HAYES ROAD, SULLY H4U reference 199942 • Two bed house • Shower only • Handrail on steps Rent £98.00 per week
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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of interest are invited for the following developments and you will need to be a member of Homes4u in order to be considered. A local lettings policy applies to all. Allocations are based on highest priority connection to the area, then banding and date. You will need to ring the Contact Centre on 01446 700111 in order to express your interest and you will be asked a series of questions regarding your local connection to the area and you will need to provide full details.

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Care home goes pink for Breast Cancer Awareness



It's all gone pink at Tŷ Llandaff. (Photograph by Mike Dearden).

STAFF and residents from a Pontcanna care home went pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Tŷ Llandaff, a residential, nursing, palliative and respite care home in Conway Road, encouraged everyone to don pink outfits in support of

Breast Cancer Now and donating £1 each. Tŷ Llandaff started with 'pink make-up day', encouraging residents and visitors to show off their rosy cheeks. This was followed a week later by a day of pink smoothies and shakes, then 'pink food day' and finally, everyone dressed up in pink on the final Monday of the month. Service manager

Lisa Cristina said: "Many of our residents know someone affected by breast cancer and of course want to make sure that friends and family look after themselves, so doing our bit to raise awareness is important and if we can also help by raising some money for the work done by Breast Cancer Now, that will be wonderful."

News from the Fonmon Apiary

THE new apiary site is now ready to be occupied; it is still on Fonmon estate, but I cannot move any of the hives there until lower temperatures set in and confine the bees to their respective hives.

Why is this? A minimum distance of at least three miles is recommended due to the fact that bees use local landmarks to recognise their home base. The new site is about a half-mile away and were I to move the hives while the bees are still actively out foraging, they would pick up on familiar landmarks and return to their old site.

So to aid the move, I require low temperatures to kick in and for the bees to adapt to a winter shutdown mode – this is not hibernation! When temperatures are 10°C or above and the weather is fair, honeybees will venture out quite readily, regardless of the fact that it is supposed to be winter.

The bees that occupy the hives in winter are not programmed to be foragers; their job

is to keep their queen alive and to sustain themselves on the stores gathered in by their sisters earlier in the year, and to only emerge in the spring of the following year.

However, due to our milder winters, bee activity is a regular feature now and any activity equates to energy expenditure.

This expenditure of energy has to be supported from the in-hive food stores.

Although mild winters can be looked upon as a bit of a blessing, there is not much in the way of plants to forage for the active bees to collect.

To replenish their diminishing supplies, the beekeeper must stay alert and supply a ready-for-use alternative.

This alternative supply is a block of sugar dough (which looks like icing sugar, but is better for the bees), a commercially made product that the bees can consume straight away and not have to process it as they would if it was nectar from external flora.

Will all go as planned? Watch this space!

Harold Williams

What's on, and where?

Care and repair ARE you a homeowner or private tenant living in the Vale, possibly disabled or elderly and in need of advice or support on repairs or home improvements?

Care and Repair help older homeowners maintain their homes, give advice on grants and information on reputable companies to use.

A drop-in session takes place on Tuesday, November 19 from 10am to 12 noon at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information. If you need a home visit and cannot come to the shop, call 02920 473337.

VOGANTM meet THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members (VOGANTM) will be held at 11am on Wednesday, November 20 in the Duke of Wellington in Cowbridge.

The speaker will be Gareth Cheesman whose topic will be 'The Silk

Road', an illustrated account of a seven-week journey from Beijing to Istanbul.

Please note that all our meetings from November to March will be held at 11am, with coffee available beforehand and lunch afterwards. Guests are welcome for this meeting.

Parkinson's drop-in

LLANTWIT Major Parkinson's drop-in cafe meets next on Wednesday, November 20 from 1.30pm-3.30pm in Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major.

The guest speaker will talk about her latest project with Parkinson's UK entitled: 'Slow Motion SELF'ies'.

Everyone is welcome to attend. For further information call Martin Simmonds on 01446 796310.

Cancer Research Quiz

THE quiz will take place upstairs in Barry's West End Club on St Nicholas Road, Barry on Wednesday, November 20.

A prompt start is envisaged at 8pm, £3

per person payable at the door. All money raised goes directly to Cancer Research UK.

Big Screen
BIG Screen's next film is *Fighting With My Family* (Cert 12A) on Thursday, November 21 at 7.30pm in the Cowbridge Town Hall.

It stars Dwayne Johnson (The Rock) as himself, Thomas Whitley and Torri Ellen Ross; a real crowd pleaser!

Doors open 7.10pm, tickets £4 in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door.

U3A History Group

THE next Cowbridge U3A History Group meeting will comprise short presentations on 'Two Weddings and a Coronation'; 'Hiroshima; a City Resurrected from Ashes' and a Show and Tell at 10am on Thursday, November 21 in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall.

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Gary will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. A service to celebrate Gary's life will be held on Friday, 22nd November at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

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REES
Anne

Peacefully on Monday, 4th November 2019 at Monkstone House Care Home, Anne formerly of Upper Park Farm, Stormy Down. Beloved wife of the late Glyn, a dearly loved sister and aunt.
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Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, 18th November at 11am. Family flowers only with donations in lieu, if desired, to Velindre Hospital c/o Penybont Funeral Services, Meadow Street, Bridgend. Tel No 01656 650831.

AUSTIN
William John

Passed away peacefully at Y Bwthyn Newydd, Bridgend on Friday, 8th November. Beloved husband of the late Mair, loving father of Alun, Leighton, Philip and Meryl and a proud grandfather to his six grandchildren and great-grandfather to his seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral on Friday, 22nd November. Service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 10am. Donations in lieu of flowers to Y Bwthyn Newydd c/o Penybont Funeral Services, Meadow Street, Bridgend. Tel 01656 650831.

The family have requested that club ties be worn at the funeral service.

NICHOLAS**Mary Philippa (née Michinton)**

Passed away peacefully at home following a long illness, on 29th October 2019, aged 88 years. Devoted wife of the late Bob, loving mother of Robert, Ian and Simon, mum-in-law to Susan, Elaine and Julie, grandmother to Kate, Ben, James, Laura, Sian and Shaun.

Mary will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, 20th November at 11am.

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15th November 1999

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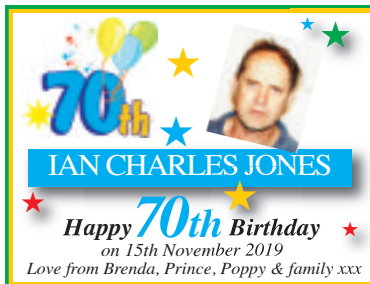
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Helen Davis

would like to thank everyone who made her 70th Birthday so special. The presents and cards are amazing.

Jayne & Robin at The Horse & Groom in Cowbridge, hosted my lovely party.

Birthdays



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IAN CHARLES JONES
Happy 70th Birthday
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DYKE
Gary (Charlie)

Peacefully passed away at Holme Towers on 5th November, aged 61 years. Gary a much loved brother to Kevin and Linda, uncle to Christopher, Justin, Joanne, Melanie and brother-in-law to David and Elaine.
A special thank you to Lisa and Kathy for all the help and support you gave to Gary.
Gary will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. A service to celebrate Gary's life will be held on Friday, 22nd November at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

For all enquiries please telephone 01446 733844.

REES
Roger Paul (Hippie)

Passed away peacefully on 5th November 2019 at University Hospital of Wales, surrounded by his loving family. Cherished and adored dad to all his children and his beloved fur baby, Jon-Boy.

Wonderful granddad and great-granddad. Hippie will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

He will leave a huge hole in all our lives.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Friday, 22nd November at 9.45am at our Chapel of Rest, followed by private family committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Donations, if desired, in memory of Hippie, would be gratefully received by Velindre Cancer Centre.

JONES
May Alicia

Passed away peacefully on Friday, 8th November 2019, May, beloved wife of John and dearly loved mother of Paul, daughter-in-law Christine and a loving nan of Matthew and Andrew.

May will also be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.

A funeral service will be held at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge at 12 noon on Monday, 25th November. This will be followed by a short service at Coity Chapel, Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 1:15pm before returning to the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge, for refreshments.

Family flowers only, but donations in lieu may be made to the British Heart Foundation c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2 Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

PARRY
Suzanne

Passed away peacefully on 7th November 2019, aged 52 years. Adored and proud mum of Geraint, dearly loved daughter of Christine and the late Brian, loving sister of Nicola and Gareth. Loved by all the extended family and her many friends. Also dearly missed by our pet dog 'Maisey'.

Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. Funeral will be on 25th November at 11am at All Saints Church, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 12 noon.

Family flowers only please and donations in memory of Suzanne can be made at the service or sent to the funeral directors to the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth.

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KELLAWAY
Joyce

Peacefully on 7th November at home, Joyce sadly passed away. A beloved wife to the late Jack, much loved mum of John, Richard, Billy, Jean, Sally, Leslie, Martyn and Susan. Respected and special mother-in-law, cherished nan and great-nan to all her grandchildren.

Joyce will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of her life at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Monday, 25th November at 11am.

Floral tributes may be made at the service. Family request colourful clothing be worn. Further enquiries please telephone 01446 407962.

Aled Thomas - 200 senior Ath appearances



ABOVE: Aled scoring a try against Whitland in February 2013.
Credit to Glensports.

ATH scrum half and vice-captain Aled Thomas became a double Athletic centurion when he made his 200th senior appearance for the club in the 14-8 away win in the local derby against Tondy in the Div 1 West Central game at Pandy Park on Nov 9.

He has played in all eight league and cup games this season – and is vice-captain. Aled is always looking for gaps and opportunities to speed up the game, as well as possessing a good tactical kicking awareness.

Like club captain Ben Howe, Aled played his junior rugby at Pencoed. Along with Nathan Holman, Matthew Norman and Tom Morgan they all played in the Mid District side. Aled won three Boys Clubs of Wales U16 Caps, being awarded MOM against Belgium Colts at the Heisel Stadium.

Aled and Ben both joined the Athletic Youth in season



ABOVE: Aled Thomas picking up Best Back Award.
Credit to Glensports.

2008-2009. This was the most successful year in the history of the Ath Youth. The undefeated side won a Welsh League and Cup double at the Millennium Stadium against Merthyr and Waunarlwydd. Besides Aled and Ben, current Ath players from that successful youth team in this season's squad include prop Matthew Norman and hooker Nathan Holman.

Aled has played a total of 200 senior Athletic games, 188 for the 1ST XV scoring 32 tries and 192 points. He has been a regular Glamorgan County player making 12 county appearances and awarded a county Cap, and was selected to captain the County at Pyle, but the game was cancelled.

He is also a Glamorgan County Silver Ball Cup winner – though not with the Athletic. At the end of last season 2018-2019 he played on permit for Nantfyllon in their win against Div 1 West Central and promoted side Ystalyfera.

Bridgend Athletic Youth 31 - Llandaff North Youth 17

DIVISION C East Osprey Youth Bridgend Athletic entertained Blues Conference Llandaff North in a friendly.

Both sides have won all their respective league fixtures and in a very competitive game the Athletic ran out 31-17, outscoring their visitors by five tries to three. This completed a senior and youth treble over the weekend.

The Ath started very strongly piling on the pressure; however failed to capitalise, making numerous errors in attacking situations, probably due to a lack of rugby in the preceding four weeks. A missed tackle in the opposition 22 saw Llandaff North break clear and score a great length of the field try to open the scoring.

A short while later, another missed tackle again saw Llandaff score a second try to go 12-0 up completely against the run of play. This then spurred the Ath on with centre Tom Reed regularly smashing holes through the midfield. One such break saw him drive through before feeding fellow centre

Danny Osarigie, who flew over under the posts for a well worked try converted by outside half Rhys Williams.

From the re-start the Ath again attacked and were awarded a penalty on the Llandaff 10 metre line. A quick tap from captain Jack Obbard saw him feed second row Morgan Thomas who sprinted away before throwing a long pass to wing George Tellem, to crash over in the corner for a brilliant score.

Rhys Williams narrowly missing the conversion. This levelled the scores at 12-12 at half time.

Ten Athletic changes were made at half time in order to give all players game time and the Ath then started to dominate all facets of the game. A quick lineup in Llandaff 22 saw the ball spilled backwards. However, flanker Fynn Mordecai scooped up the loose ball and drove through for a great score which was converted by Williams.

Llandaff again hit back to crash over in the corner for a good score, which remained unconverted to reduce their deficit to 19-17.

This again spurred the Ath on with forwards now dominating and Tom Reed regularly continuing to smash holes through the midfield. Another driving lineup on the opposition 22 had the Ath maul hurtling to the try line, only for Llandaff to try to bring it down illegally and then enter the maul from the Ath side - the referee correctly awarding a penalty try.

From the re-start centre Tom Reed punched through the midfield deep inside his own half before again feeding fellow centre Danny Osarigie who sprinted fully 60 metres to outstrip the Llandaff defence and score wide out, to make the final score 31-17.

It was a very good workout for two teams in contention to win their respective leagues. The Ath will look to cut out the mistakes and missed tackles as they move forward over the coming weeks.

This coming Saturday, November 16 they have another friendly, an away game at Dunvant.

Blu support for Red and Blacks!

THE Radisson Blu hotel in Cardiff has been one of Dinas Powy FC's main sponsors for seven years and this year, as well as sponsoring the senior section, the hotel is sponsoring the club's new under-6 and under-9 girls' teams.

To celebrate, the hotel recently put on a tea party for the two teams and parents at the hotel.



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Cowbridge Cricket Club celebrates at annual dinner



MORE than 90 members, players, parents and friends gathered at the Athletic Club to celebrate the end of the 2019 cricket season.

It has been an excellent season with the first XI gaining promotion to Premier B league next season, thus taking the second XI with them.

A meal was provided by Andrew Tucker washed down by some excellent wine provided by Colin 'Trustmark' White; our five major sponsors, Press Metal UK, Mulberry Financial company, One Town Hall Square, Specsavers and the Vale Resort also sent representatives.

Chairman Hugh Williams welcomed the guests which included Gerald Elias of Glamorgan CC, Ricky Needham of St Fagans, Neil Hobbs of SWCA, and John Griffiths of the RFC).

Our guest of honour was Roy Noble, presenter and broadcaster of BBC radio and television. He entertained the gathering with humour and stories of Welsh characters of his life experiences – an outstanding hour of interest.

Both the chairman and captain reflected on the year gone by with

the former thanking his committee for their dedication, coaches of the various age groups and others who have helped in running junior teams.

He thanked the parents for their support and also our two resident scorers for their weekly dedication on Saturday afternoons - Sarah Russell with the firsts and Jeffrey Davies with the seconds.

He thanked Jonathan Smart for his efforts, in the club gaining club mark accreditation to Premier cricket. Chris spoke about the highlights of the successful first XI season with opening bat Ben Wright breaking the club record for runs scored in a season standing now at 1,395. His average was 126.82.

He also gained the highest scorer in all the SWCA leagues and was top wicket taker with 34 victims. Ian Harris of the second XI also gained division 5 best wicket keeper with 19 dismissals.

Jack Cropper was also in good form scoring runs for the midweek T20 team, who won the Cardiff and Vale Mid-week Cup. His average was 144 runs from seven innings. Mention was also made of Owain Scholey who acquitted himself well

in the first XI at the age of 13.

One of the highlights was the presentation of awards:

H Cup for first XI player of the year: Ben Wright; JS Williams Salver second XI player of the year: Louis Sevenoaks; T20 Player of the season: Jack Cropper; Colin Adams Shield Young player of the year: Owain Scholey; Ben Wright Trophy County and beyond: Theo Walker;

Peter Finucane 'Catch it' trophy: Tom Williams.

The climax of the awards presentation was the last with the Trustmark Trophy 'For services off the field' being awarded to our president Jeff Bird. In the last two years he has been instrumental in the building of the new groundman shed, revamping of the Fred Dunn gates, author of the book on the history of the club, relaying a new bank and hedge to the north boundary of the ground and instrumental in acquiring the new electronic score box. He was also honoured with a Life Member award and presented with a one-off club blazer.

A standing ovation followed these two well merited awards, by all those present.



Quest to find the best Welsh chef gets underway

THE annual quest to find the best senior and junior Welsh chefs has been launched by the Culinary Association of Wales (CAW).

The 2020 National and Junior Chef of Wales competitions provide the perfect stage for talented chefs to show their skills. With the November 30 deadline fast approaching, chefs need to hurry up and submit their entry forms, which may be downloaded at: www.welshculinaryassociation.com/index.php/competitions/. From the entries, which must include the chef's own creative menu, a panel of judges will select regional finalists who will be given three hours to serve up a three-course dinner for four people.

Regional finals will be held in January and the four highest scoring chefs in each competition will qualify for the finals, which will be held at Cardiff and Vale

College's City Centre campus in Cardiff on March 30. The finals will be followed by an evening awards dinner in the college's Classroom Restaurant.

National Chef of Wales competitors must submit a menu with a starter suitable for vegans, a main course using two different cuts of Welsh Beef and a dessert including chocolate as the main ingredient. Awaiting the winner will be £1,000, a study tour hosted by Koppert Cress in the Netherlands, an engraved set of cook's knives made by Friedr Dick and £250 worth of personally selected tableware products from Churchill.

Junior Chef of Wales competitors must submit a three-course menu including a starter suitable for vegans, a main course using Welsh Lamb and a dessert including Welsh honey.

The winner will secure an all-expenses-paid visit with the CAW to the World Chefs Congress



National Chef of Wales 2019 winner Gavin Kellett and last year's Junior Chef winner Sion Hughes with Culinary Association of Wales president Arwyn Watkins

2020 in St Petersburg, Russia, where he or she will be part of the Worldchefs Young Chefs Club.

In addition, he or she will be invited to a study tour hosted by Koppert Cress in the Netherlands, receive a set of engraved Friedr Dick Knives, £100 worth of Churchill tableware and be seeded through to the semi-finals of the Young National Chef of the Year contest organised by the Craft Guild of Chefs.

In both competitions chefs must use a majority of Welsh products, which will form part of the judges' marking schedule. To qualify, chefs must be of Welsh descent or work or study in Wales. National Chef of Wales entrants must be over the age of 23 and Junior

Chef of Wales competitors must be between the ages of 17 and 23 years on February 1, 2020.

It's the first time for many years that the competitions have been held separately from the Welsh International Culinary Championships, which are normally held in February. However, due to a clash with the Culinary Olympics next February, the CAW has opted to make changes. Arwyn Watkins, CAW president, explained: "We think it's important that the National and Junior Chef of Wales finals become a stand alone event, rather being a part of the Welsh International Culinary Championships."

"Chefs who qualify for the finals deserve the kudos of having

their own day and platform to showcase their skills. Having received record entries last year, we are hoping to maintain the quality and level of interest befitting the premier competitions for Welsh chefs."

The competitions are organised by the CAW and main sponsor is Food and Drink Wales, the Welsh Assembly Government's department representing the food and drink industry. Other sponsors include Hybu Cig Cymru – Meat Promotion Wales, Churchill, Koppertress and Friedr Dick Knives. For more information about the competitions, contact Vicky Watkins at the CAW on office@welshculinaryassociation.com.

Matt Maynard appointed Glamorgan head coach

GLAMORGAN Cricket are pleased to announce that Matt Maynard has been appointed as the club's head coach.

Maynard has signed a three-year deal which will see him remain at the club until at least the end of the 2022 season. The former Glamorgan captain and head coach returned to the club in late 2017 as a batting consultant, before being named as the interim head coach for the 2019 season. He guided the Welsh county to fourth place in division two in the Specsavers County Championship as his side narrowly missed out on promotion.

Maynard has extensive experience in the head coach role, having previously been in the position at Glamorgan between 2008 and 2010. Following his departure he enjoyed a successful stint with the Titans, winning the domestic four-day competition as well as the domestic T20 competition in his first year at the club.

Maynard then spent three years at Somerset as their director of cricket before re-joining Glamorgan. The 53-year-old was also an assistant coach under Duncan Fletcher when the England team won the Ashes in 2005. Maynard had a glittering 20 year playing career with Glamorgan where he amassed over 24,000 first-class runs and struck a club record 54 first-class centuries. He famously captained the side to the County Championship title in 1997, and played a key role in three one-day competition victories in 1993, 2002 and 2004.

Maynard also represented England 18 times, in four Test matches and 14 ODIs, between 1988 and 2000. "It's very exciting to be able to carry on the work we started this year."

"I love being a part of this club and I have enjoyed working with the players and coaching staff throughout the season. There is lots of talent within the squad and we have a good mix of young players and experienced heads."

"We saw a big improvement in the County Championship and Royal London One-Day Cup but it's important we continue that upward trajectory and take our form across into the Vitality Blast next season."

Director of cricket, Mark Wallace, added: "We are delighted to have secured Matt as our permanent head coach. After conducting a thorough review of the season with players, coaches and staff it became apparent Matt should continue his role as head coach. The side showed a great deal of improvement across two of the three formats under his leadership and came very close to gaining promotion in the County Championship."

"Matt is a highly experienced head coach who has developed his skills around the world and possesses an intimate knowledge of the club and how we are structured. He has developed a very good rapport with the players since his return and helped to improve their individual games and mind sets."

"Retaining Matt is great news for the club and we look forward to him carrying on his fine work at Glamorgan over the next few years."

Tondu Titans secure gutsy draw with Porth Harlequins



ABOVE: Carys Thomas with the first home try. Photo by JASP (James and Sarah Photos)



ABOVE: Kerys Maddern in possession. Photo by JASP (James and Sarah Photos)

SUNDAY saw the Tondu Titans ladies battle it out to stretch their undefeated streak to five games with a 10-all home draw against Porth Harlequins.

It was a strong physical encounter from start to finish from both sides battling it out to secure those tries.

The visitors got in with an early try at 15 minutes, with no conversion made.

They continued to cause problems for the home team, attacking strong and fast and keeping them in their

own quarter.

The Titans held them off with an excellent defensive line and good tackles were put in by fly half Carys Thomas and prop Katy Sage.

It was still 5-0 to Porth at the interval.

The visitors were quick off the mark at the restart and were soon in possession, with Carys Thomas seeing a gap in the defence and making a quick break, landing the home side with their first try within two minutes of play.

Good attack came from the home side, seeing inside centre Kerys

Maddern making yards with good clean breaks.

Porth, however, made good use of a turnover and scored a second try to lead 10-5.

Late in the second half, Tondu's forwards made good ground and the backs joined in, with quick hands and fast play for outside centre Natalie Hooper to break away with Laura Warren in support.

The full back received the ball and scored the Titans a much-needed second try – making it equal 10-10.

The final plays were full of attack and strong defence from both sides,

leaving the final score a very close draw.

Tondu put in an impressive performance: and it showed how much they have improved since their last encounter with the Porth ladies at their home ground at the beginning of the season.

Forward of the match: (prop) Katy Sage.

Back of the match: (inside centre) Kerys Maddern.

On November 17 the league takes the Tondu Titans to Blaina as they travel away for their next fixture.

Jade Lines

Results from Old Hall Bridge Club

THE latest results from the Old Hall Bridge Club are:

October 30: first, John Beard and Liam Sheridan, 62.5%; second, John Raymond and Allan Lewis, 58.68%; third, Glenda Roberts and Vida Halford, 58.33%; Joint fourth, Barbara Exton and Eleanor Jones and Colin and Judith Nunn, 53.82%.

November 6: First, Brenda Grove and Stan Harding, 59.03%; second, John Raymond and Allan Lewis, 58.68%; third, Barbara Exton and Eleanor Jones, 58.62%; fourth, Julie Evans and Ann Birt, 57.29%; fifth, Teri Pollard and Sara Bartlett, 55.21%.

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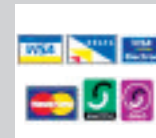
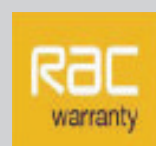
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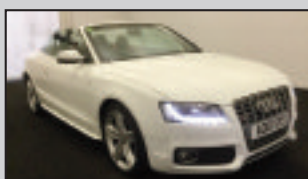
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Group B: Sea View 298, Witchill Nomads 253; Cannon Balls 275, Park Lads 253. Points: Cannon Balls 4, Sea View 2, Witchill Nomads 2, Park Lads 0.

Group C: Bunker Boys 297, Cocoa Nuts 265; Tynny Lads 257, Merrymen 285. Points: Bunker Boys 4, Merrymen 4, Cocoa Nuts 0, Tynny Lads 0.

Group D: Willie Wombles 275, Alternatives 240; Witchill Poachers 264, Cavaliers 267. Points: Willie Wombles 4, Cavaliers 4, Witchill Poachers 0, Alternatives 0.

Group E: Blue Monkey 348, Royalists 355. Points: Blue Monkey 4, Royalists

Group F: 49ers 298, Billy Bluebirds 251; Exiles 278, Barry Park B 253. Points: 49ers 4, Exiles 2, Billy Bluebirds 2, Barry Park B 0.

Group G: British Rail 252, Billy Flyers 263. Points: Billy Flyers 4, British Rail 2, Posties 0, Park Rangers 0.

Group H: Billy Whizz 282, BP Breakaways 267; H Bells 289, Abercrete 287. Points: H Bells 4, Billy Whizz 2, BP Breakaways 2, Abercrete 0.

Crib Knockout Cup First round, 1st leg: West End 7, Rhosse Social 8; Wyndham Cons 9, Cadoxton Cons 6; Moors Boys 6, Romilly Railway 9.

View all results and league tables at www.barryleagues.co.uk.

On and off the turf with Brian Lee Good win for Isabel at Exeter

LLANCARFAN'S Isabel Williams landed the £14,620 Coral Co UK Novices Chase at Exeter on November 5 on her mother Catherine's Virginia Chick, which beat the well fancied Kim Bailey's Commodore Barry by three parts of a length.

A 14-1 chance, ex-hurdler Virginia Chick is trained by Isabel's father Evan Williams, a former national champion point-to-point rider. "He jumped really well," said Isabel who was given a two-day whip ban.

Connor's success at Sandown

CONNOR Brace landed the Conditionals Handicap Hurdle at Sandown Park last Sunday on Fergal O'Brien's top weighted Lord Of The Island, which got home by one-and-a-half lengths from Star Of Lanka. Lord Of The Island, a 4-1 chance, at 11 was the oldest horse in the race.

Adam wins at Ffos Las

ADAM Wedge won the novices' hurdle at Ffos Las on Sunday. Riding the Evan Williams-trained Holly James, he had one-and-a-quarter lengths to spare over John Flint's

50-1 outsider *The Wire Flyer*, partnered by Charlie Price. *Holly James* was returned at odds of 10-1. Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn took the Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle with *Nabhan* which, under NF Houlihan, scored by three parts of a length from *On The Quiet* ridden by Isabel Williams.

Adam's Aintree winner

EVAN Williams' *The Last Day*, confidently ridden by Adam Wedge, was an impressive winner of the Download The App At Virgin Bet Handicap Chase over two miles at Aintree last Saturday. Racing for the first time in 237 days, seven-year-old *The Last Day*, the 2-1 favourite was in a prominent position throughout and scored by five lengths from *Baby King*. Adam was chalking-up his 33rd winner of the season and the winner is owned by point-to-point stalwarts William and Angela Rucker.

Wincanton win

AT Wincanton, Ben Jones rode another big race winner for the second weekend when landing the Richard Barber Memorial Mares' Handicap Hurdle on *Misty Bloom*, which had been backed from 18-1 to 9-2. Winning trainer Emma Lavelle said: "Ben gave the horse a super ride."

An encouraging week for Barry Chess Club teams as Camelots win at Cardiff

THIS week there were matches for the Barry Camelots and Barry Gambits in the East Glamorgan Chess League, and there was also a late result from the previous week for the Gambits.

On October 30, the Gambits made the short trip to play the Cardiff Dragons. Both of these teams were flirting with relegation.

On board one, John Stephenson had a good draw with Marcel Vesz despite being a pawn down.

On board three, Mike O'Leary outplayed his opponent and would have queened a pawn, winning material to take a win.

On board four, Peter Watkins took advantage of his opponent's faulty opening to sacrifice a bishop for two pawns

guarding his opponent's king to earn a victory. Unfortunately, we lost on the other two boards, meaning the spoils were shared.

On November 4, the Gambits played at home to the Pontypridd Spartans who had a 100 per cent record to become one of the favourites for promotion. Their players were all rated above ours.

My match finished first in my typical drawn position. Next to finish was Sam White. His opponent made an error so another draw was taken.

On board three, Ian Abraham won his game, having two passed pawns.

Board two was an interesting rook and knight finish. Martin Ricketts with white held a pawn advantage but was in danger of losing to a back rank mate. However, Martin held the advantage only because it was his turn to

move, checking his opponent's King whereby in error, the king was placed in the corner allowing a pretty mate.

In the final match, Ieuan Thomas offered a draw which was turned down. It took over 30 minutes before his opponent finally agreed it was a drawn match, giving the Gambits an encouraging win by 3.5 - 1.5.

The Gambits now sit in a healthy fifth position, four points above the relegation zone.

In division two, the Camelots travelled to play the North Cardiff Titans. We held a rating up on the night but it is better to contact one of the club members through the website first so that we can explain what is happening on the night and arrange for someone to greet you.

For more details visit our website at <http://barry-chessclub.yolasite.com>

This win put us on top of the table for 24 hours. We now sit in second place. Only a half point separates the top three in the second division but the Camelots have a game in hand. The three teams relegated from the top division last season occupy three of the top four places so they could all return to division one, unless the North Cardiff Panthers can stop them.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30 pm most Mondays at the West End Club, Barry, CF62 6QY. New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but it is better to contact one of the club members through the website first so that we can explain what is happening on the night and arrange for someone to greet you. For more details visit our website at <http://barry-chessclub.yolasite.com>

Albert have a night out with the Devils!



LAST week, at the magnificent Viola Arena the Cardiff Devils played The Guildford Flames in a nerve-racking game of ice hockey.

Three blocks of the crowd were made up of over 170 children, family members, governors and staff from Albert Primary School and at 4pm the match began: the puck hit the ice, and off they went.

The Flames struck first and held on to the 1-0 lead into the first intermission, but the middle period saw the Devils strike back. Joey Martin tied the game up, then McMonagle scored one of his own on the powerplay with Martin setting him up to give the Devils a 2-1 lead. The Devils doubled their lead when Mattias Sointu scored on a wraparound to make it 3-1. Guildford then scored two goals and tied the game at

3-3, which is how the third period ended.

The Devils had plenty of chances in extra time, with Joey Martin getting the best opportunity but the puck hit the post and kept the game tied after five minutes of sudden death overtime. In the shoot-out, Watters and Joey Haddad both scored to keep it tied until the final shooter for both teams.

TJ Foster scored the game-winner on the Flames' final shot and then Travis Fullerton stopped the Devils' Mark Richardson to seal the win.

Albert pupils and staff had a fabulous afternoon, made even better when the Albert Primary school attendees got to meet and chat with the players. We would like to thank Mr Francis and the Cardiff Devils for giving us this opportunity - and we can't wait to come back and watch a game soon!

£1,000 cash boost for talented young ice skater

A TALENTED young ice skater has been given a helpful £1,000 cash boost to cover her training and competition expenses.

Lily Grace, from Cwmbran, received the money from Persimmon Homes East Wales through its Community Champions project.

She is ranked 34 out of 488 in her skating category in the UK and recently finished seventh in the British Championship Solo Ice Dance competition. Persimmon donates up to £1,000 to two

organisations or individuals in the area with Cardiff's City Hospice benefiting alongside eight-year-old Lily.

Emma Walding, who applied for funding on Lily's behalf, said: "We are thrilled that Lily has received the donation.

"Lily has been identified as having an outstanding aptitude and presence on the ice which will enable her to go further with her ice skating."

She added: "This money will help her progress in the sport by helping to pay for the training and equipment she needs."



ABOVE: Lily Grace in action on the ice.

St Mary's seniors' winter competition

DURING brief respites in the seemingly incessant October rain, the seniors of St Mary's Golf Club managed to squeeze in their annual Tri-captains' competition.

Played over three weeks, the section's members were allocated to one of three teams headed, respectively, by the current captain (Dave Hughes), the vice-captain (Steve Phillips) and the previous year's captain (Hugh Williams). Over the three legs, three-balls comprising one member from each team took to the fairways with six points up for grabs on every hole. Four points were awarded to the winner and two to the second placed player.

In the event of ties, the points were shared. At the end of each round the hole by hole scores were totalled up for each of the three teams and then finally accumulated over the three legs.

Course conditions dictated that the event was played over a shortened course of just 12 holes for the first leg and 16 holes for both the second and third legs. When the competition secretary finally put the abacus back into its case, Williams' team emerged as the victors by a commanding margin with a score of 75 points to second placed Hughes' team's 55 points. Phillips' team trailed on 44 points.

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Bridgend Bridge Club in November

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are:

On November 6: First, Tony Disley and Mike Best; second, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; third, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham. The winners on handicap were Tony Disley and Mike Best.

On November 7: First, Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks; second, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; third, Maggie Ashpole and Stuart Davies. The winners on handicap were Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks.

The Children in Need Simultaneous Pairs competition was played on November 8: First, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; second, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans; third, Norma

and David Newman. The winners on handicap were Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage.

On November 15, the three-day Porthcawl Bridge Congress starts and Bridgend Bridge Club will be closed that evening.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Wednesday evening at Nolton Church Hall. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

For more information, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email steve@steve-burgoyne.plus.com.



‘Awesome’ Tondy defensive effort just fails to hold the line against Bridgend Athletic



LEFT:
Ashton Evans goes forward for Tondy.
 Photograph by Gareth Anthony.



RIGHT:
Bridgend Athletic back row Ben Davies, Ben Howe and Sean Williams in tandem.
 Photograph by John Canon.

A 78th minute penalty try snatched a 14-8 victory from the jaws of defeat as Bridgend Athletic finally overcame Tondy's resolute resistance to leave Pandy Park with the spoils in a keenly contested local derby.

The win moves the Athletic up to second place in Division One West Central with 19 points – five adrift of pacesetters Bonymaen.

The Athletic from the start took the game to Tondy with the forwards providing the backs with plenty of ball. A Luke Bevan break saw centre Jacob Lloyd held a metre short of the try line, while good runs by wing Sam Richards, full back Robin Davies and scrum half Aled Thomas saw Tondy just beat them to minor chips ahead.

Tondy also looked threatening when they were in possession.

Aled Thomas was celebrating his 200th senior appearance for the Athletic, and was courteously featured on the cover and

inside of the Tondy match programme.

However, Athletic supporters felt that the courtesy ended there and, after some bruising tackles on the 20-minute mark, a brawl broke out.

When the dust settled the referee sent off Tondy skipper, lock Hywel Davies.

Down to 14 men and struggling at the set piece scrums against the experienced Athletic front row of props man of match Matthew Norman and Wayne Fooks and hooker Lee Murphy, Tondy nevertheless launched a significant attack inside the Athletic 22.

Outside half Gareth Lindburn put a penalty to touch five metres from the Athletic try line. A driving maul was halted just short of the try line, but scrum half Geraint Gillet moved the ball quickly to the blind side to see wing Stuart Young dive over near the corner flag for an unconverted try.

The lead was short lived as the Athletic pack forced a penalty which Bevan put into touch five metres from the try line. Hooker Murphy found flanker Sean Williams with his throw

in. Tondy could not halt the Athletic driving maul which Murphy had joined and secured the touchdown. This try saw Murphy become the Ath's leading try scorer this campaign with his third of the season. Bevan kicked the conversion to give the Athletic a 7-5 lead.

For 20 minutes in the second half the pattern of Athletic territorial and possession dominance continued with Athletic lock Ben Cording and No 8 Ben Davies adjudged to have been held up over the try line; and flanker Ben Howe penalised for a double movement on the floor close to the Tondy line.

It was becoming a stirring defensive performance from the men in blue and red and when the ball went loose it was hacked down field by a grateful Tondy forward.

Tondy's chase and pressure was good, forcing a penalty on the Ath 22-metre line and replacement Luke Whitall kicked the goal to give the Waterwheelers an 8-7 lead.

What followed was like the siege of the Alamo as, roared on by the fans, Tondy's defiant defence frustrated every attacking effort by the Athletic, who brought on

lock Jonathon Stoker for Will Petchell and Nathan Holman at hooker. Another enforced change saw scrum half Thomas leave the field with an ankle injury forcing an Athletic reshuffle with full back Davies moving to scrum half, Lloyd to full back and debutant youth centre Danny O'Sullivan joining the action.

O'Sullivan took to senior rugby like a duck to water making three strong runs at the Tondy defence, while Bevan narrowly missed a wide out penalty.

The Athletic chose to kick two further penalties to touch in the hope of driving Tondy over the try line.

With about 10 minutes to go, Tondy picked up a yellow and had to fight on with just 13 defenders.

Holman did cross for Athletic but the referee adjudged he was held up. Another drive was halted and to the delight of the home side, a defensive five-metre scrum was awarded to Tondy with two minutes remaining.

The Athletic eight summoned one final effort with Holman striking against the head and the Athletic pack

shoving the Tondy eight backwards. The referee spotted an illegal hand in the scrum and immediately ran under the posts to award a penalty try.

The Athletic felt they deserved their victory, but there was no doubt that Tondy also deserved more than a losing bonus point for their awesome defence.

The Tondy coaching team will be disappointed the game slipped away in the final minutes, but must be encouraged by the defensive display from the whole team.

Athletic team manager Paul Hearn summed up. "It was a very hard-fought victory against 14 men for an hour. In the first half particularly after dominating possession and territory we squandered some gilt-edged chances. The second half was a battle, but our persistence paid off in the end."

GEM NOTE: As a local derby, we received two reports, from Mike Sully for Tondy, and Adrian Burt for the Athletic. Although they were in general agreement about much of the match, the GEM has tried to edit this report to reflect the views of both sides.

Last-gasp try seals it for Pencoed at Pyle

THIS first ever meeting between Pyle and Pencoed in the National leagues was a hard-fought affair from start to finish with the result in doubt until the final moments.

Playing at home, Pyle applied early pressure, especially at the set pieces, and opened the scoring with a penalty from their No 10.

The Pencoed response was immediate. Alex King made a break and following recycled ball, Rhys Pilliner plunged over at the corner. Rhys Clarke soon added a penalty and Pencoed led 3-8 after 15 minutes.

Pyle then levelled matters with a try from their No 8. Pencoed, despite having no recognised second rows, were slowly coming to terms with the home scrum, with No 8 Rhys Badgery doing particularly well with retreating scrum ball. Pencoed made it 8-11 after a penalty.

There seemed a certain inevitability about the next home side score. Following a series of scrums and the resultant penalties, the match official awarded a penalty try to leave a half time score of 15-11.

Pyle opened the scoring in the second half, a penalty from their No 10. Rhys Clarke then kicked two fine penalties to cut the deficit to one point and Pencoed then took the lead from another Clarke penalty. Pyle retook the lead through a penalty from their No 10.

Going into the final moments the match could have gone either way. With full time looming, Pencoed won a vital scrum against the head. Swift hands saw the ball moved to centre Shane Izatt. He picked the perfect angle to power through the home defence to score at the posts. Rhys Clarke duly added the extras to leave a final score of 21-27.

Prominent up front for Pencoed were James Treadray, Zac Taylor, Corey John, replacement Jack Walker and man of the match, Rhys Badgery.

Rhys Clarke made a vital contribution with 17 points from the boot. Back at the home clubhouse, head coach Keith Burke announced Alex King as player of the month for October, in part for his willingness to play wherever asked.

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Celtic put the squeeze on Porthcawl

MAESTEG Celtic travelled to Porthcawl to put on an impressive display of power rugby, winning by 34-17.

Sean Lambert, Morgan Reeves and Simon Lent commanded the scrums while second rows Alex Jones and Peter Kehoe tackled and carried the ball fiercely at the home team.

The Celtic back row of young Tom Mines, Jonathan Davies, and veteran Ryan Turner were ferocious in defence and attack.

The Porthcawl three quarter line attempted to spread the ball wide at every opportunity but they rarely found a gap in the Celtic defensive line. Centres Sam Mines and Scott Sainsbury gave no ground while the back three of Aaron Williams, Neil Arthur and Kristian Jenkins counter attacked from any attempts to kick for territory.

Porthcawl camped in

the Celtic half for the first 10 minutes but only came away with a penalty. Celtic responded with two penalties of their own before the home team scored under the posts. Celtic took the ball into the home 22 and pounded the defence, forcing them to concede a penalty try. The second half was dominated by Celtic and a penalty kicked to touch in the corner allowed the pack to drive over for a touchdown by flanker Jonathan Davies.

A period of power play allowed Ryan Turner to drive through another touchdown. Porthcawl's three quarters were rewarded for their resilience with a 50-metre score but Celtic ended it all when Sam Mines accelerated to sprint 20 metres to score. Celtic's man of the match was Scott Sainsbury, who kicked four conversions, three penalties and tackled superbly.

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Scott Sainsbury brought his kicking boots to Porthcawl, contributing 17 points to the win.

Porthcawl Bridge Club results

LATEST results from the club are:

October 26: First, Tony Haworth and John Beard; second – Terry Dolan and John Beard.

October 31 Halloween Pairs: First, Glyn Williams and Vida Halford; second, Tony Haworth and Keith Davison.

November 2: First, Tony and Emer Disley; second, Norma and David Newman.

November 7: First, Susan Anthony and Tony Haworth; second, John Beard and Rob Charlesworth.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre on Thursdays (6.45pm – 9.45pm) and Saturdays (3.15pm – 6.15pm); visitors welcome at any time. To contact the club, call our secretary Trish on 01656 785794.